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## Acquitted of fighting police

KUWAIT'S State Security Court yesterday acquitted a 32-year-old Kuwaiti charged with fighting police during an illegal demonstration a year ago, the Kuwaiti News Agency Kunns reported.

The defence said Qassim Abdullah Al Attar was at the scene of the demonstration by coincidence and not with the aim of resisting authorities.

Attar was accused of helping to thwart the arrest of a pro-Iranian militant who was later sentenced to death in absentia for involvement in bombings at oil installations in Kuwait.

A crowd at the scene pelted police with stones and threatened them with weapons, the prosecutor's report said.

Six Kuwaitis, two still at large, were sentenced to death last June for bomb blasts in 1986 and early 1987 which were blamed on pro-Iranian militants who oppose Kuwaiti's support for Iraq in the Gulf war.

## THE WORLD THIS MORNING

### Moscow visit

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz will hold talks in Moscow later this month on a prospective fourth summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

### Knighthood

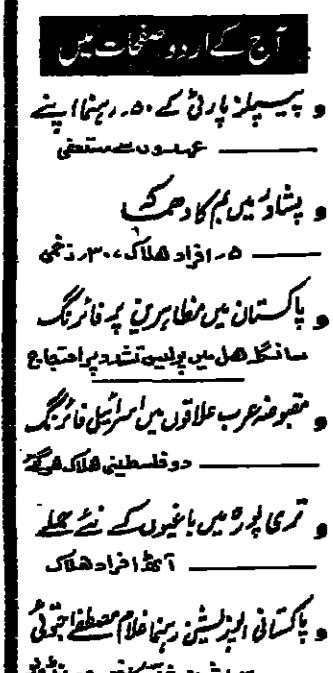
LONDON, (AP): Former US Defence Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has been awarded a British knighthood.

### Tareq Aziz

MOSCOW, (Reuter): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leaders on his country's war with Iran.

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# Israelis kill two in fresh unrest

ANABTA, West Bank, Feb 1. (Agencies): Israelis shot dead two Palestinians and wounded several more in the occupied West Bank today as Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed the Army would maintain its "iron fist" policies to crush the renewed unrest, military sources said.

The killings shattered two weeks of relative calm.

Military sources said troops opened fire in the West Bank village of Anabta when hundreds of demonstrators hurled stones at their vehicle and an Israeli civilian car at a makeshift road block set up by the residents.

### Hurled

An Army spokesman said, however, that it was still unclear whether troops or Jewish settlers in the civilian car had opened fire on the Palestinians. A settler was critically wounded yesterday when Arabs hurled a fire bomb at his car.

Hospital officials at Tulkarem hospital near Anabta identified the dead men as Muaid Shaar, 21, and Murad Hamdallab, 17.

They said three Palestinians in the hospital were suffering from moderate gunshot wounds and they believed five more Arabs, including a woman in serious condition, were taken to hospital in Nablus.

Troops shot and wounded four more Palestinians during stone-throwing protests in the West Bank town of Bni Naim and the largest city in the West Bank, for the first time in two years.

Several refugee camps in the West Bank and the Al Bureij camp in the occupied Gaza Strip were also under curfew today following protests, the Army said.

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Another group set off a landmine near Trincomalee under a Sri Lankan Army patrol injuring 13 soldiers, military sources said.

### Fighting

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"We shall conduct a policy of force to prevent violent activities when they are taking place. We shall continue to arrest participants in violent activities, organisers and agitators," he told reporters in Parliament.

"We shall use curfews to prevent violent demonstrations, and at the same time we shall allow those who wish to go to work to do so, and to those who wish to conduct commerce we shall provide protection," Rabin said.

### Clashes

Troops arrested dozens of Palestinian youths in an overnight raid on the market area of Nablus following clashes yesterday in which six people were wounded by gunfire.

The Army clamped a curfew on the entire city of Nablus, home to 100,000 Palestinians and the largest city in the West Bank, for the first time in two years.

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Soldiers immediately clamped a curfew on Anabta but allowed residents to bury their dead relatives. Protest began in Tulkarem after the casualties were taken to hospital there, eyewitnesses said.

According to a recent US public opinion poll sponsored by Time magazine, the majority of US citizens disagree with Israel's oppressive campaign against the Palestinian uprising in occupied Palestine.

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VATICAN CITY, Feb 1, (Reuter): Pope John Paul met Jordan's King Hussein today and afterwards the Vatican statement indicated the Pope supported King Hussein's efforts to arrange the conference.

"The Holy See considers the problem of the Palestinian people a question of international justice, no less important than that of the existence and security of Israel and of all the states in the region," said a Vatican statement issued after the 30-minute meeting.

In separate talks, Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli told King Hussein the Vatican appreciated his peace efforts. He said: "It is indispensable to unite the efforts of everybody of good will. The situation is very dangerous."

The Vatican statement said King Hussein was "very worried" about the unrest in the West Bank and Gaza, which confirmed the need for a just solution to the Palestinian problem.

The Vatican statement also

went to the heart of the other key issues blocking diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican — the status of Jerusalem, which Israel in 1980 unilaterally declared its "united and eternal capital."

It said the Holy See had stressed "the sacred character of the place, considering it a spiritual patrimony which belongs to the three monotheistic religions."

In unusually frank language, the statement said the Vatican's reservations "concerning the status of Jerusalem" were well known.

A senior Vatican official said this was reference to Israel's annexation of Arab East Jerusalem and the declaration of the city as its capital.

The four-point-plus card for an international peace conference to be held simultaneously with direct Arab-Israeli negotiations on granting autonomy to the Palestinians of the occupied territories, the report said.

The American plan, the report said, calls for a new autonomy formula to make it distinct from the self-rule scheme associated with the 1978 Camp David peace accords, which Jordan and the Palestinians rejected at the time.

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A vessel from Iran — which today began celebrations marking the 9th anniversary of the Islamic revolution — picked up 22 crew members after they spent a night in lifeboats floating in the Gulf, the sources said.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## UK mine supervisors launch strike

LONDON, Feb 1. (AP): Ten thousand mining supervisors launched a 24-hour strike today, halting most of Britain's coal production in the most widespread stoppage to hit the coal fields since the yearlong strike of 1984-85.

In other labour disputes, thousands of nurses and other health workers scheduled a one-day strike for Wednesday, and seamen operating ferries to Ireland and the continent planned an indefinite strike beginning tomorrow.

The 10,000 members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, deputies and shot-fires walked off their jobs at midnight in northeast England. They were followed by colleagues in the rest of the country when shifts began at 6 a.m. (0600 GMT).

**Strike**

"Production is effectively halted," said the union's National Secretary, Peter McNestry. "Most of our 10,000 members are on strike and they will continue to take some form of industrial action throughout the week until the dispute is settled."

Supervisors are responsible for mandatory safety inspections required before coal can legally be cut at the nation's 103 mines. The supervisors' union is separate from the National Union of Mineworkers, which staged a yearlong strike in 1984-85 in a futile effort to prevent the closing of unproductive mines.

The supervisors are seeking a 10-per cent annual pay increase retroactive to Nov 1, McNestry said. Last week, members rejected a 4.3-per cent annual pay increase that would have raised pay scales to a weekly average of about £244 (\$432).

State-owned British coal said surface work continued at some pits, but it estimated today's strike would cost the industry £14 million (\$25 million) in lost production.

Meanwhile, the National Union of Seamen voted at the weekend to begin an indefinite strike tomorrow at all 12 British ferry ports to protest the firing of 161 seamen by a ferry company in the Isle of Man off England's West Coast.

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## Pakistan government blamed for weakness

# Situation in Sind alarming: Jatoi

By Ashraf Shah

A PAKISTANI opposition leader has warned that the law and order situation in Sind province has reached an alarming stage and no town, village or city is safe.

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chairman of the Pakistan National People's Party and a former governor of Sind province told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview conducted in Karachi recently that robbers are openly operating in Karachi and Hyderabad and officials and prominent business were being kidnapped in the interior of Sind in broad day light.

Jatoi, who quit the People's Party of Benazir Bhutto and launched a new political party in August 1986, said the present

paid by the government to secure the release of the officials.

"The lawlessness in Sind province has gone out of hand and people are scared of the robbery as well as the law-enforcing officials," he added.

**Weak**

Jatoi claimed that a weak and ineffective government was the main cause of chaos and confusion in the country.

"This government does not represent the people because only one-fourth of the people cast their votes in the elections through which this government came to power," Jatoi said.

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Renewing his call for fresh general elections in the country under a caretaker government, Jatoi urged the democratic forces to join hands and work for setting up a truly representative government.

He severely criticised the local

police who recently in Pakistan

and claimed the government

and the League.

## Greece and Turkey set up crisis hotline

# Aegean foes vow to avoid war

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1. (Reuter): Greece and Turkey, whose long-standing feud has weakened NATO's southern flank, have embarked on a peace initiative, setting up a crisis "hot-line" and vowed to avoid war.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece and Turkey's Ozal discussed the territorial dispute which almost brought them to war last year and declared such a crisis should never be repeated.

They agreed to set up a crisis telephone link between their capitals and hold a summit once a year to head off any disputes which could threaten peace between the neighbouring Mediterranean states.

Ozal hailed the peace initiative, announced after two

days of talks in this Alpine ski resort on Sunday, as a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations.

Papandreou was more cautious, saying both sides appeared to be acting in good faith "but only time will tell."

The prime ministers sat side-by-side at a news conference, reading out a joint communiqué which went far beyond the expectations of most commentators in Turkey and Greece.

About 25,000 Turkish troops

moved into the Northern sector

of the island after Greek-Cypriots tried to stage a coup in July 1974. Turkish troops are still there.

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## Medical services on par with West

THE director of Kuwait's Farwaniya Health Area Dr Sami Matar, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the quality of medical treatment provided at government clinics and hospitals was equivalent to that offered at private ones.

He added that the medical service in Kuwait matched that of Western countries and was enjoyed by all who live in Kuwait, both citizens and expatriates. Dr Matar added that the level of health awareness had improved significantly over the past few years among residents of the Farwaniya health area.

The director said the ministry welcomed suggestions from citizens and would follow up on any complaints about the medical staff, adding that acts of negligence on the part of a physician would meet with severe penalties.

## Training course on fire safety

A TRAINING course on engineering and fire safety began at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) on Saturday with 36 trainees from government authorities taking part.

The course will focus on subjects such as combustible materials, fire detection, fighting fire and designation of emergency exits. Employees from Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain and Kisr are also attending the five-day course, which features professors from the University of Edinburgh.

## Kuwait-Goa flight to resume

By Hamid Siddiqui

INDIA considers the Iraq-Iran conflict as very unfortunate and fully supports the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war, the Indian State Minister for External Affairs, Eduardo Falero said last night.

The minister said he delivered a message from the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to HH the Amir of Kuwait dealing with the Iraq-Iran war, the prevailing situation in the Gulf region and bilateral relations.

The minister also called on HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and held extensive talks with the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and the State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi.

Falero described the talks as highly fruitful.

### Convince

An Indian source who wished not to be identified told the Arab Times that the Kuwaiti leaders while appreciating the unique position of India in the Non-Aligned Movement and in view of its friendly relations with Iran has urged New Delhi to try to convince the Tehran regime to accept a ceasefire in its war with Iraq within the framework of the resolution 598.

The source added that Kuwaiti leaders appreciated India's stand that the withdrawal

of American and Western naval forces from the Gulf should be linked with the end of the Gulf war.

This position has been conveyed by India to the Iranian leadership which insists on withdrawal of all foreign naval forces from the Gulf before negotiations to end the war start, the source said.

The Indian minister also conveyed his government's strong condemnation of the brutal measures taken by Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian citizens in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### Steps

Turning on Indo-Pakistani relations, Falero said since assuming power in 1984 Rajiv has tried to normalise relations with Pakistan.

"Despite some hurdles, both the countries have taken some concrete steps to normalise relations."

He said India has suggested to exchange newspapers, books, magazines and periodicals, stepping up travel facilities by opening of Khotara Par-Mutabab rail route and establishing private joint venture firms.

### Climate

He said it has also been suggested that all the outstanding issues should be sorted out with regard to the agreement of not attacking each other's nuclear facilities.

"Both are developing countries and must have closer relations and use their resources for



HH the Amir yesterday received Eduardo Falero (second right). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, (second left) and the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N. N. Jha (left).

the development and well-being of their people," Falero said.

The minister declined to comment on the assumption that the recent visit to Peshawar by Rajiv Gandhi to pay homage to the nationalist leader Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a sabbatical to the Pakistani leaders because Rajiv did not use the opportunity to have talks with them on bilateral issues.

He said there should be a proper climate for the official visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Pakistan.

### Investments

Falero addressed a gathering of Goan community and assured them that the Kuwait-Goa direct flight, which he said has been suspended because of some operational problems, will be resumed this summer.

He also assured the non-

resident Indians that their investments in their homeland is safe and has not been affected by the recent crash in the international stock exchange market.

Falero will today meet Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid and Chairman of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, before leaving for Bahrain.

He also assured the non-

## Shuwaikh health centre

ABDUL Nur Al Awadi, the Shuwaikh Health Centre Secretary, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the centre provides health services to all residents in the area with a general medicine clinic and ear, nose and throat specialists at the Al Amiri Health Area. He explained that patients with special medical problems are transferred from their residential health area to specialists at clinics in the Shuwaikh Health Centre, adding that appointments are made for individual patients to avoid having to wait at the clinic or over-crowding.

The ear, nose and throat clinics regularly have 40 to 50 patients daily, he said, which is

considered a large number for such a clinic. The administration plans to increase the number of work days at the clinic to five instead of three to accommodate the number of patients needing medical attention, he added.

### Registration

The centre also has an office for health registration and new patients are required to use their Civil ID cards to complete their health files, he said. Al Awadi urged all residents who come to the centre to be sure they have a health card, saying that it only takes a few minutes to get one and patients must have the card before they can be seen by a doctor.

Al Awadi said the centre con-

siders a large health library which was established to enhance the knowledge of society members, adding that plans are being made to expand the library so residents will be able to use it.

An ear nose and throat specialist, Dr Mohammed Abdul Ati, said the centre treats many different cases and the cooperation between the administration and doctors made the large patient load much easier.

Al Abdali Husain, the Head of the Shuwaikh Health Centre Pharmacy, said everything ran smoothly at the centre and no medicine shortage was apparent. He added that cold and allergy prescriptions are the most common throughout the year.

## Kisr research programmes

SALAH Al Mazed, the Head of the Business Development Office at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr), said 24 project contracts had been signed between Kisr and various agencies during the first half of the 1987-1988 fiscal year. 11 contracts were signed with government agencies, five with the joint sector, and three each with the private and regional sector.

He said these contracts involved research programmes involving food, water, petroleum, natural resource development, infrastructures, urban development, applied systems and economic programmes.

Al Mazed said that Kisr had received more proposals than they could meet and stressed the importance of the institute's ability to support its development and growth in the field of solving all technical problems.

Kisr will charter two Airbus jets this month to Egypt, according to the endorsed agreement between the two countries, the chairman added, noting that the KAC is preparing the jets and training the Egyptian pilots who will work on the plane.

The KAC will regain one of its chartered planes from Egypt at the end of the current month and the other one at the end of June.

## KAC to lease Boeing to European firm

KUWAIT Airway's chairman of the board and director general Al Mishari said that the KAC will lease one of its jets of Boeing 727 to a European company on the condition that it be flown by a Kuwaiti crew.

The KAC condition will open opportunities for Kuwaiti assistant pilots to fly in 727 jets to communicate with different companies and airlines.

Al Mishari indicated in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published here today that KAC will follow a charter policy for its UN-needed planes to increase its revenues for next year.

KAC will charter two Airbus

## Shahnaz in Kuwait

A LARGE number of men are seeking treatment for dandruff and falling hair at the Shahnaz Herbal counter at the cosmetic fair in Mishrif.

Indian beautician Shahnaz Hussain, who has created a variety of herbal products for men and women, is in Kuwait to take part in the cosmetic fair.

Shahnaz has recently added a new product, Shafight, which controls moisture loss to her range, particularly suitable for use in the desert climate.

● Kuwait's Information Minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, (centre) is pictured during a visit to the radio department.

## GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED

GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED, the parent unit of the well known Garden Varadi Group has proposed the issue of 23.3 lakhs Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 75/- per Equity Share aggregating Rs. 2.55 crores and 22,00,000 12.5% Secured Convertible Debentures of Rs. 185/- each aggregating Rs. 40.70 crores.

The First Phase Issue represented 30% or half of the minimum Equity required to be offered to the public under prescribed guidelines. The project for capital expenditure programme for expansion and modernisation, including installation of hi-tech looms, is under implementation. Garden's First Public Equity Issue was oversubscribed 91 times.

### GARDEN PUBLIC ISSUE PHASE I :

Encouraged by the company's excellent performance in product marketing, resulting from installation of hi-tech looms and yarn preparatory project, the company has opted to take on board a further capital expenditure programme through a Phase II Public Issue to raise Rs. 40.70 crores to meet the long term financial requirements. Sophisticated yarn preparatory equipment is required to optimise the full performance capability of the company's existing hi-tech looms. It is envisaged that the hi-tech yarn preparatory project will revolutionise the finished product quality of Garden fabrics, thereby furthering their competitive edge.

The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 2.251 lakhs and the same is proposed to be financed as follows :

Public Issue of Equity Shares 2,150.50  
Internal Cash Accruals 100.50  
2,251.00

Rs. in lakhs

1982 1983 1984 1985 1986-87  
Turnover 3,145 5,251 8,635 13,320 14,946  
Gross profit before interest 212 276 774 1,479 2,112  
Interest 15 105 127 139 337  
Profit before depreciation & tax 127 151 607 1,349 1,752  
Depreciation 44 53 115 162 170  
Profit before tax 83 118 332 1,178 1,605  
Tax 12 9 37 142 140  
Profit after tax 71 109 495 1,036 1,465  
Share Capital 838 975 2,010 2,211 2,311  
Share Capital 81 117 170 200 312  
Reserves 340 453 917 1,776 3,519\*  
Net worth 421 570 1,087 1,976 4,038  
Dividend 13 10 9% 15% 18%  
Earnings per Rs. 10/- share .77 9.32 29.12 51.80 30.92\*

\* Before bonus issue of Rs. 2.251 lakhs.

The recently published unaudited half-yearly results show an increase of 20.4% in the operating profits and 8.8% in profit before depreciation and tax.

Performance highlights

Turnover 7,040 6,555  
Operating profits 1,103 916  
Profit before depreciation & tax 859 789

Rs. in lakhs

Corresponding six months in the previous year (Rs. in lakhs)

1982 1983 1984 1985 1986-87  
Turnover 30.91987 (Rs. in lakhs)

Rs. in lakhs

1. Turnover  
2. Gross profit before interest  
3. Interest  
4. Profit before depreciation & tax  
5. Depreciation  
6. Profit before tax  
7. Tax  
8. Profit after tax  
9. Gross fixed assets  
10. Share Capital  
11. Reserves  
12. Net worth  
13. Bonus dividend  
14. Earnings per Rs. 10/- share

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PRESENT TREND :

For the first months of the current year, the turnover is Rs. 114.89 crores and the trend is expected to continue.

THE ISSUE :

The equity shares shall be offered as under :

a) Employees  
b) NRIs/persons of Indian origin residing abroad  
on repatriation basis  
c) Unit Trust of India  
d) Indian public

210.50

Rs. in lakhs

Issue price of equity shares  
107.52

Rs. in lakhs

231.25  
236.30  
1275.43

Rs. in lakhs

Apply personally with photo and certificates.

Boghdad Street, Moidan Hawalli (Beside the Soviet Embassy)

## PULLMAN

requires

## CHIEF MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

General knowledge needed:  
electrical, plumbing, mechanical.

Apply personally with photo and certificates.

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## MEW studying thermal insulation

YOUSSEF Al Hajiri, the Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) Technical Services Department, said the ministry was studying the various methods of thermal insulation, adding that the use of such insulation reduces power consumption by 30 per cent.

The ministry has started an information campaign to inform people about ways to conserve power and water consumption at home and in offices, he said.

He praised the great attention

paid by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, took part in the opening ceremonies.

## Sheikh Ali (second right) and Dr Al Awadi (right) are presented with bouquets.

THE Governor of Ahmadi, Sheikh Al Sabah Al Ali Salem, yesterday stressed the important role people can play in protecting the environment and public utilities.

Speaking at the opening of Ahmadi's Ideal Governorate Week, he said that progress and prosperity did not come by luck alone, but was the result of relentless efforts by all, including the public.

Sheikh Ali urged Ahmadi residents to work with him in making it the ideal governorate and the pattern for other governorates.

He said that people who feel the country is theirs and public interests should be given priority will certainly work to preserve and protect the country and environment.

He praised the great attention paid by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, took part in the opening ceremonies.

Forty-four national establish-

ments are taking part in the week-long activities.

A number of folk troupes gave performances at the function.

The programme for the week

includes lectures on AIDS,

industrial safety and the environ-

ment, and the influence of mafias

## Facility proposed

## Women demand exclusive club

A GROUP of women are trying to open an exclusive club for women in the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in Salma. But their efforts will bear fruit only if 250 women opt to join such a facility.

Kuwait has clubs for nearly everyone, except women, who believe there is a need for an exclusive sports facility for women.

There are clubs for women in nearly all Gulf countries. Women in Kuwait now want to get to "get a sports facility where we can swim and walk" without being pestered, according to one woman who is fighting for the facility.

"They are spending millions of dinar to build the Waterfront project. Why can't they let women have a sports club," she asks. "It's so unfair," she adds.

The women are apparently not looking for segregation but just a safe haven where they can relax without worrying about men loitering in the corridors.

Some American and British women who have embraced Islam prefer "an exclusive facility, where they can take children out for walks, mainly because their husbands don't allow them to visit clubs with mixed membership." "It is high time something is done about a club for women," a woman asserted.

## Membership

The management of Ras Al Ardh Sea Club has "agreed in principle" to provide a sports club for women at its premises. But they have driven a hard bargain.

"They will open the club only if they have 250 members," said one woman.

According to a reliable source, the club has a very limited mixed membership, men and women, but the male membership are not too happy about a club for women.

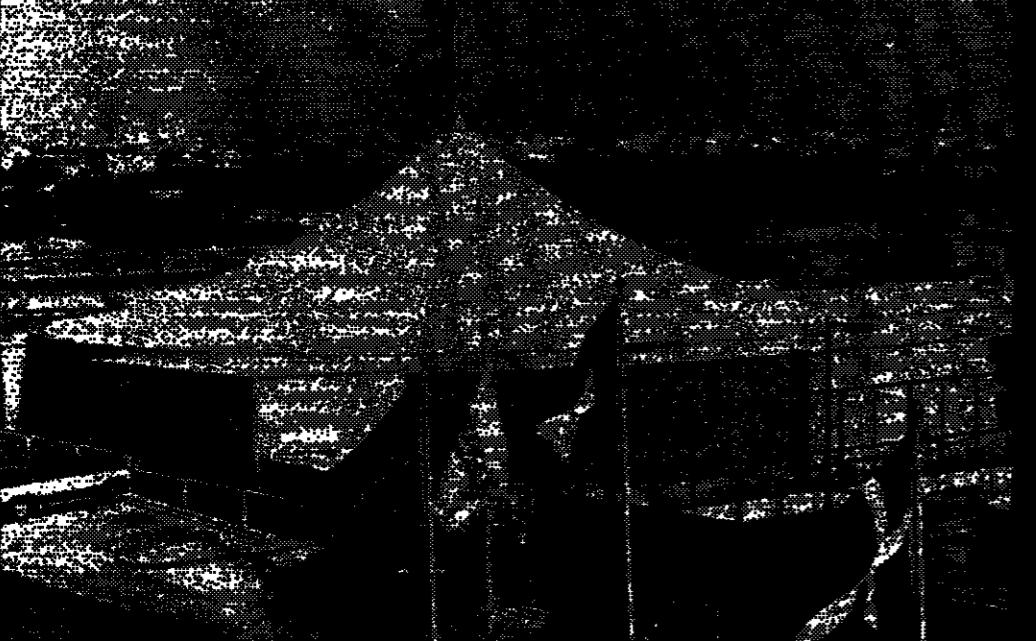
"Whenever a woman goes to look around, they put her off, saying it is not the best place," she says.

Perhaps it is not the best

place, but it would give women the freedom to swim, play tennis, hold meetings and to go out with children, they said. The club has an uncovered pool but the management has "promised" to modify it. Other facilities include a tennis court, a spacious garden, a children's playground and a functions room. Facilities could be expanded if there is sufficient interest.

A group of women believe they might be able to get more women interested in the idea of an "exclusive club for women." "The trouble is not many women are aware of a proposal to open such a club." She feels that once the club gets going it would be very popular as it would be a "club for women, run by women." Whether it gets off the ground or not depends on membership.

Membership forms are available at the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in the mornings from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Annual membership fee is about KD100.



An evening of Arabian traditions, Sahrat Al Khema, is held every Tuesday in SAS Hotel's Tent.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum is open daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, except Friday, when it will be open only in the mornings. A large selection of Islamic artefacts from the Arab and Muslim world are on show.

## National Museum

Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Muneayes are displayed at the National Museum, open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

## THEATRE

## KLT — Comedy

KLT's comedy "Say Who You Are" directed by Steve Prescott, will be performed at 7.30 pm on Feb 23 and 4.

Tickets — KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office, KLT, Ahmadi, or from Family Bookshop, Salma, two days before the performance date.

## SOCIAL

## Kuwait Society for the Handicapped

The society is holding an open souk, featuring everything from silk to grocery, silkware to rugs and toys, for two weeks. It will be open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm at the society's premises, behind Andalus Cinema, on Cairo Street, until Feb 15.

ACT

Any Texans or adopted Texans interested in helping with ACT's March Texas Independence Day Party are requested to contact 5725071; 2428366 or 5639204.

Daniels

All Danes are invited to "Festelvan" party at the Gazebo Club at 1 pm on Friday, Feb. 12. For reservations contact Connie — 3947693; Karen Marie — 3946725 before Feb. 9.

Greek Get-together

The Greek Embassy will hold a get-together to celebrate the Vassilopita on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6.30 to 8 pm at the school premises of the Embassy of Greece in Surra. All members of the Greek community are invited. For details phone 5335861.

Swedish Ladies Get-together

Swedish ladies coffee afternoon will be held today from 4 pm at the residence of Mrs Valentina Hedenstrom, Umroe Al Qais St., House No. 14, Block 6, Dasma. Tel. 2511175.

Canadian Women's League

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 6, from 4 to 6 pm. For venue and further details ring 3718678.

## Winter Serenade

The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade features haute cuisine, music, show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Laughtorne and Gienis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, on Feb 2, and 3, Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695; 5334695 or 5730641.

## Japan Week

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. For further details, tel. 2533000 ext. 1156.

## Kuwait Welsh Society

Annual St David's Day dinner at Messiah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

## Kapilku membership

Filipinos are invited to join Kapilku. Membership cards are available at the Philippine Embassy. For details call Jojo — 4877793.

## Goan Show

The Goan Community will hold a cultural show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence on Feb 5, 3.30 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Finaitane. Invitation cards available from the Football Club, Kuwait Goans Association, N.G.O.A. and organisers. Transport will be available at 2.30 pm on Friday (Feb 5) from the Church in Kuwait City, Abbasiya Coop. and Farwaniya, main road (opp. Grand Stores).

## Flassik

Flassik will hold a Valentine dinner-musical at 6.30 pm Feb 12, Friday, at Al Dira Ballroom, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free transport will be provided from the Church from 6 pm. For tickets ring 2439451, Mabuhay or Lords Restaurants.

## Kuwait Singers

Rehearsals for the May concert are held at 7.30 pm every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

## HOTELS

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## Fascinating collection of ancient jewellery

By Keith Wells

HENRY Walters, an American railway magnate with an omnivorous appetite for art collected magnificent pieces of jewellery and beautifully crafted small objects like snuff boxes between 1900 and 1931.

He died in 1931 and before his death he left his collection to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Curator of Ancient Art at the Walters Art Gallery, Dr Ellen Reeder, who is in Kuwait, on Sunday gave a lecture on "Ancient Jewellery in the Walters Collection."

Walters, she said, was particularly fascinated by small, beautifully crafted objects. His collection of snuff boxes is reckoned to be the best in the world. However, he also loved jewellery, and judging from Dr Reeder's slides, shown during the lecture, he had a connoisseur's eye for magnificent pieces of the jeweller's art.

Reeder concentrated on pieces of jewellery from the Hellenistic period between 200 and 30 BC when the eastern Mediterranean and the Near East passed through a cosmopolitan age in the aftermath of the splendid career of Alexander the Great.

## Styles

Near Eastern styles and fashions of jewellery were quickly taken up by the Greeks and integrated Hellenistic culture, she explained.

Faialka Island played an important role in this trade as a customs and entrepot centre for goods from India making their way to the Mediterranean area.

Reeder said that diamonds, rubies and sapphires were unknown in the ancient world until Roman times, but that during the Hellenistic Age, new discoveries like pearls from Bahrain and garnets from India were revolutionising the way Mediterranean civilisations looked at jewellery. She showed slides of hoop earrings worn in Persepolis matched with others found in the eastern Mediterranean region, and explained how they were worn by men in Persia, but by women

in the Greek states of the Levant.

Another item of jewellery which became fashionable in the West was the diadem, and Dr Reeder showed some exquisitely made samples from the Walters Collection which incorporated the recently discovered garnets that were so valuable during this era. The gold filigree and granulation work was of a superb standard at this period and Dr Reeder demonstrated how quickly styles were copied and adapted throughout the area. The international aura of the age is evidenced by the trading routes which opened up in the wake of Alexander's conquests and allowed a free interchange of ideas and fashions throughout the entire region.

## Elements

One of the most magnificent pieces of the Walters Collection is a carved garnet ring, a marvellous piece of sculpture in miniature that must have been worth a small fortune. Two of these rings have both been signed by one Appollonius and consist of portraits of their owners which are so lifelike you could recognise the man if you met him in the street.

Dr Reeder also spoke about the recent discoveries along the northern shore of the Black Sea. She showed some magnificent necklaces from this area, which contain all the elements of gold filigree and granulation work, large garnets and even the traces of ancient pearls. These latest discoveries were matched by those of the Olbia Treasure, found at the end of the 19th century and now in the Walters Collection. One item from Olbia, a stunning butterfly necklace, was a masterpiece of the jeweller's art.

Dr Reeder's lecture, organised by Dar Al Athar Al Islamiya, was very well received by an enthusiastic audience. Dr Reeder is in Kuwait for a week-long stay in which she hopes to visit the excavations at Faialka. She returns to Baltimore on Thursday to begin organising a major exhibition on Hellenistic Art which will be held at the Walters Art Gallery to coincide with the first American Congress of Archaeology in January 1989.

At the Sheraton

A wide repertoire of music ranging from 17th to 20th century music, including light jazz, will be presented by the Sheba Sound, a quartet of two oboes, a bassoon and harpsichord. The group will give a one-night performance on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

## At the Ramada Al Salam

Dayly lunch, chef's special and dinner buffet at the Coffee Shop, open 24 hours. From Sunday to Friday, succulent steak and seafood specialities for fine dining at El Messa Restaurant, from 7 pm to 1.30 am.

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"Open face" sandwiches are being promoted at the Al Waha Restaurant, until Feb 11.

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All-day dining at La Palma, featuring oriental, continental and international cuisine, open for lunch and dinner. The Faialka Restaurant offers a speciality menu plus chef's recommendations ranging from appetizers to desserts, and the usual grazing menu.

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

WE have 40 million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

## Meese at the end of oil pipeline

By Valerie Strauss

**WASHINGTON**, (Reuter): Attorney-General Edwin Meese, who has weathered sharp criticism over his job performance and federal probes into his financial affairs, faces perhaps his most serious challenge over his role in a \$1 billion Iraqi pipeline project.

Meese, who followed his friend Ronald Reagan from California to the White House in 1981, has been investigated by different independent prosecutors in the last few years for his tangled financial activities, including his involvement in the scandal-plagued Wedtech Corporation.

The probes have created scandal but failed to turn up evidence of wrongdoing on which to base criminal charges. Five weeks ago, special prosecutor James McKay said there was insufficient evidence to charge Meese with anything — but he also said the probe was continuing.

**Involvement**

Now a new scandal has emerged over Meese's involvement in a \$1 billion Iraqi pipeline project and it could well be the most serious challenge the attorney-general has faced. There have been suggestions that he resign rather than subject President Reagan to further embarrassment.

The scandal began when it was reported that McKay, who has been investigating Meese's financial affairs for months, was focussing on a 1985 memo to Meese from E. Robert Wallach, a longtime friend and associate who was trying to win US government backing and funds for the pipeline.

The Los Angeles Times, which revealed the existence of the memo on Friday, said it discussed a plan to bribe a senior Israeli official to help prevent Israeli attacks on the pipeline once it was built. The project fell through and the pipeline was never built.

US law prohibits bribes to foreign officials. The law specifically may take legal action to stop a violation when it appears the law may be broken.

Israeli officials have strongly rejected reports that bribes were paid, and Meese's lawyer, Nathan Lewin, denied Meese did anything wrong.

The White House has said Meese enjoys Reagan's "full confidence" and officials have rejected suggestions that he resign — something he would almost certainly have to do if indicted on

criminal charges.

But the reports have underscored the continuing trouble Meese has faced with charges of ethical impropriety and the balancing act the White House is being forced to perform as it struggles to support Meese but not impede McKay.

Howard Baker, White House chief of staff, said on television on Sunday that McKay had come to the White House to reveal the pipeline probe.

McKay's visit was significant because it was unprecedented. No other independent counsel has been known to brief US officials on their probes.

Baker tried to minimise the importance of McKay's visit, saying he came only when he found out that a newspaper was about to print a story about the pipeline affair. But McKay reportedly visited the White House on Friday, after the Los Angeles Times had revealed the memo's existence.

While it is not clear how far along McKay is with his probe, it is believed the fact he met with Baker indicated the issue was very serious, more so than previous scandals surrounding Meese.

In 1984, a special prosecutor probed charges Meese had improperly helped friends with whom he had financial dealings to get government jobs. The investigation, which nearly blocked his confirmation as attorney-general, ended with no charges being filed against Meese.

**Transactions**

Meese has testified before the grand jury investigating the Iran-Contra scandal, which may induce former White House aides John Poindexter and Oliver North in the Iran scandal.

Though Meese is not a target, he has come under scathing criticism for his 1986 investigation into the Iran scandal after North admitted he shredded key documents in his office as Justice Department officials worked just a few feet away.

McKay is also investigating whether Meese personally profited financially from his position in one case whether he gained financially in return for helping Wedtech, a bankrupt New York defence contractor, win army contracts.

Other financial matters include questionable stock transactions by a financial consultant in charge of Meese's blind trust, and Meese's ownership of stock in telephone companies at the same time the Justice Department was urging a judge to ease restrictions on the companies.

## Island of blessed beset by scandals

By Roland Prinz

**VIENNA**, (AP): The nation a Pope called "an island of the blessed" for political calm has become a sea of turmoil, with its President facing questions about his wartime past and reports abounding of graft, fraud and scandal.

Austria became an admired neutral buffer between East and West after World War II. Its stable democracy, and a level of prosperity envied by many on both sides, prompted the remark by Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s.

Now President Kurt Waldheim, former secretary-general of the United Nations, is accused of war crimes and charges of misconduct in high places multiply.

The President denies any wrong-doing during his service as a lieutenant in the German Army in the Balkans, but other Austrian leaders say attacks on him have produced an attitude toward the entire country that often is hostile.

The Waldheim controversy has raised a barrage of embarrassing questions about Austria's role in the Third Reich — a past that had been left largely unexamined by the population.

Even without Waldheim's problems, enough scandal has emerged since 1985 to tarnish the country's once-bright image and stir memories of shady official doings dating back to corruption in the Habsburg monarchy before World War I.

On Tuesday alone, three more cases joined the list. The flood of news was so great that those presenting a late-night television

Nothing will be quite the same again

## Palestinian uprising marks a watershed

By John Fullerton

**NICOSIA**, (Reuter): Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories marks a watershed in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Arab and Western analysts say.

"Nothing will be quite the same — whether in the territories, in Israel itself, the United States or among Palestinians," said a US specialist in Middle East affairs.

"You can compare it to the change in perceptions brought about by the Israeli invasion (of Lebanon) in 1982."

In the United States, traditional supporters of Israel have voiced varying degrees of criticism of Israel's contentious policy of beating demonstrators.

Jewish film-maker Woody Allen was the latest public figure to speak out, saying he was appalled by Israeli methods.

A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said: "This is a critical time for the Middle East ... we are approaching a turning point."

**Impact**

He spoke at length on the impact of the violence on internal Israeli politics, indicating the PLO calculates closely the effect of Palestinian moves on forthcoming Israeli elections.

But the PLO official agreed that any change of heart on the part of Washington towards Israel, or within Israel itself, would take considerable time in evolving into a shift in the regional balance of power.

The Palestinian view was optimistic, and long-term.

The American, a diplomat, said that for the first time in its 24-year history, the PLO found itself winning a media war in which it could do nothing wrong, and the Israelis — in their handling of the protests — could do nothing right.

"It's a new ballgame and they (Palestinians) are winning it," he said, adding that the international spotlight imposed new opportunities and constraints.

The Palestinians are determined to keep things going their way, and have sent strong signals (to Israel) that they want to keep the issue within certain limits."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said in Tunis last Tuesday that orders had been given to his supporters that weapons used in what he calls a blessed revolt should be limited to stones.

Pledging to continue protests until Israel loosened its grip on Arab land, Arafat ruled out the use of firearms.

A Western analyst with pro-Israel sympathies scorned the notion that the PLO could control events in Gaza and the West Bank, which he said were spontaneous outbursts of anger.

"Arafat's running hard to keep up with events," he said. "But I am prepared to accept the proposition that the PLO can dampen down or incite riots ... it has the power of veto over what many West Bank Palestinians may say or do."

"But does it matter whether he is on top of the wave, behind it or underneath it? Arafat is all they (Palestinians) have got. He is the symbol of their cause."

Signs that Arafat was keeping the door open for dialogue

are optimistic, and long-term.

included talks on Wednesday between US Secretary of State George Shultz and two prominent Palestinians, newspaper editor Haifa Shmura and lawyer Fayed Abu Rahme.

The tanks were condemned by a Syrian-backed coalition, the National Salvation Front. Analysts said this once again showed how Arafat's room for manoeuvre could be constrained by dissenting voices within the Palestinian movement as a whole.

Arafat has also described UN Security Council moves criticising Israel as an advance in US policy.

On four resolutions, the United States voted for one, abstained on two and vetoed a fourth.

In Amman, senior PLO officials talked to Jordanian officials on Wednesday, renewing the possibility of a rapprochement between Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein.

The monarch plays an important role as power-broker in the Middle East and is widely regarded as a moderate influence. But he is distrusted in many in the PLO.

The King said he wanted the PLO to join a proposed international Middle East peace conference, but it should renounce violence and accept UN resolutions 242 and 338.

**Criticised**

The PLO has said the resolutions fail to address the Palestinian right to self-determination.

In an interview, the Jordanian monarch charged the United States with dragging its feet over the peace process.

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**Symbol**

At the Arab League foreign ministers' meeting last Saturday, Arafat reiterated PLO demands for direct participation in any peace conference as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"We would take part in a peace conference as part of an Arab delegation, but we won't accept any Jordanian claim on the West Bank," said a PLO source at the Arab League session.

Of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's peace mission to the United States and Western Europe, some Palestinians expressed considerable doubt.

Mubarak has proposed that



he said.

"Palestinians have made strides in public opinion, but I don't see how Arafat is going to translate this into solid political gains, the way (President Anwar Sadat) turned the 1973 Middle East war into the Camp David agreement."

Egypt, under Sadat, signed a peace agreement with Israel in 1979 — the only Arab state to have done so. Sadat was assassinated by fundamentalist gunmen on Oct. 6, 1981.

Was it not time for Washington to, oil the wheels of the peace process and head advice from envoys in the region?

"I really don't know. I would have to be in Washington to answer that. I would need to be sitting next to (White House Chief of Staff) Howard Baker in the White House. That's where the reality is."

The Conservative Party, which broke with Botha over his first moves toward power sharing, shunted the liberal Progressive Federal Party aside to become the parliamentary opposition. Together with the smaller, even further-right Herstigte Nasionale Party, the Conservative corralled a whopping 30 per cent of the popular vote — against Botha's 52 per cent. Since Botha benefited by unprecedented support from English-speakers, analysts here say the far-right almost certainly polled a majority of the Afrikaner votes cast.

"And politically, it is the Afrikaners who ultimately matter to Botha," says one source who met at length with the President about two months ago. When asked in that conversation how he felt about Terre Blanche's neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, Botha is said to have replied: "He is not the danger. The danger is Terre Blanche plus Treurniet" — a reference to the head of the Conservative Party.

The more reasoned tones of negotiator Van der Merwe suggest that the blacks — more than 75 per cent of the population — also matter to Pretoria. But to listen more carefully — to the accompanying apartheid-era references to South Africa as a "country of (black tribal) minorities" to which, by implication, the Afrikaner's steady hand is vital — is to sense that Afrikaners remain more determined to communicate to black compatriots rather than with them.

The Rev. Smith remains skeptical. Shunned by most Afrikaners as politically gullible or dangerous, he has become the country's first legal white resident of a black township. "The central problem for South Africa, for we Afrikaners," he says, "is that virtually none have had any real contact with blacks. Apartheid has worked! It is amazing to me how few have ever even visited a township. And how can we hope to communicate with people we do not know or understand?"

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Bonds run deep in S. Africa

By Ned Temko

**JOHANNESBURG**: The realisation comes slowly to an outsider, from little things:

Like the shared love for a shared language expressed by neo-Nazi Eugene Terre Blanche, and anti-apartheid leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert.

Or the identical, Messianic sense of mission with which two clergymen, white-separatist "theologian" F.J.M. Potgieter and anti-apartheid firebrand Beyers Naudé, proclaim rival visions of their country's future.

Or the proud, connoisseur's delight with which, under wide African skies, a liberal journalist and a pro-government game ranger separately initiated an American reporter into the sounds and species of the bush.

These men and women are different but for one thing: they are all Afrikaners, descendants of Dutch Calvinist and French Huguenot settlers who rode the ideology of apartheid — racial separation — to white electoral power in 1948 and have been there ever since. The bond runs deep.

**Root**

This strong sense of clan has its roots in Afrikaner history. It has survived in part because of a lasting sense of economic, political, and social insecurity, often overlooked by outsiders focusing on the immense power Afrikaners now wield over a disenfranchised black South African majority. Afrikaner power is precarious. Only a few Afrikaners feel that it is not; or that they can, or should, negotiate it away.

"To understand," says Nico Smith, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church — who is one of the extraordinary few who have rebelled against apartheid, "you must understand how apartheid happened, and how we were taught to understand our history..."

The first Afrikaners came to the Cape in the 17th century along with the Dutch East India Company. They were devout, predeterminist Protestants who, to a remarkable degree centuries later, have kept a sense of divine mission, of innate conservatism, and stolid humourlessness.

When British control supplanted the company's rule, the Afrikaners moved inland, and learned to farm. But by the mid-1800s, London's liberalism encroached. Faced with the demand that he treat black servants as equals, the Afrikaner trekked from all he had built — far in reforming apartheid. Whites and blacks do not belong together, besays. Then, he tells of the recent death of his own daughter.

**Supremacy**

The need to feel that racial segregation, and Afrikaner supremacy, were not only workable but also divinely decreed remains strong.

As his government cracked down hard on all forms of black unrest earlier this year, President Pieter Botha revealed in an interview that he never lets a day go by without reading from the Bible.

In the Transvaal province farm town of Lichtenburg, an Afrikaner landowner named Abraham Rootman brings an equally religious fervour to his home.

The Yonhap agency quoted Justice Ministry officials as saying the government would free about 110 political dissidents from prison.

**Policy**

There, he gradually established himself in autonomous control of much of present-day South Africa: the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. But the English encroached again, and in 1899 war erupted to settle the matter of Anglo-Boer hegemony. It was not until 1902 that the British won a victory of sorts.

London's post-war policy was essentially this: the Afrikaner could now flourish, but in part

"I know how the black workers here loved that child. It would not have been right for us to mourn together ... But I arranged for a black minister to come here, and for the blacks to hold their own service. It was a beautiful, beautiful service..."

"I am convinced," says Stoffel van der Merwe, a younger and reform-minded Afrikaner, "that apartheid would never have lasted without our sense that it was morally right."

Van der Merwe's views matter more than most: since the beginning of 1987, he has been delegated by Botha to seek talks with credible black leaders on a system of "power sharing" to supplant apartheid.

Yet, he follows his observation on apartheid with a remark suggesting that reform-minded Afrikaners have changed what they think far more than how they think. "I am sure," he says, "that we will implement this new system with the same energy and determination that we applied to apartheid."

It is because Afrikaners remain Afrikaners — because of their history that this reform plan is likely to prove easier to predict than to fulfill.

**Tenuous**

Afrikanerdom's triumph, in crucial ways, remains tenuous. The most obvious contrasts of white wealth and black disadvantage here still involve not Afrikaners, but the English-speakers, who have flourished despite virtual parliamentary powerlessness.

It is in English-speaking suburbs that impeccably groomed housewives emerge from shopping malls flanked by aging black

THE Ethiopian famine is back, and so are the cameras — taking their now-familiar, sickening pictures of emaciated infants and the dying.

Why must this happen again? Many blame more than the climate, the ten-fold population increase since 1946, and the long-running wars in Eritrea and Tigray — and attack the country's Marxist government. They say it abuses the peasant farmers, and imposes ineffective and insensitive agricultural policies which lead to low productivity and vanishing grain stocks.

However, the view from Addis Ababa itself is not so often heard. So we asked Tamerat Kebede, head of the international department of the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, for his opinions.

Kebede is no stranger to controversy. He ran the government's heavily-criticised resettlement programme of 1984-5, which flew and trucked 600,000 people, mainly from drought-hit Welo, down to supposedly more fertile country in the South-West. In the present crisis Kebede will be the government co-ordinator for international aid.

"Drought could be with us forever," he said. "It's the after-effects of the drought that we can ameliorate. The solution to our problem is to increase food production."

But agricultural development is not a matter for Kebede's RRC, which deals with disaster relief and a small degree of rehabilitation. It's a question for the ministry of agriculture.

"So you'll ask, what is the problem with the ministry of agriculture? I would say a lack of skilled extension workers, to get knowledge out into the field; a lack of cash to introduce improved technology, and intermediate technology; and a lack of vital inputs like improved seeds and tools and fertiliser. These are the basic impediments."

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ing, I'm a veteran in the rural areas — I started working way back, before the revolution — and at that time the World Bank and the United States aid agency, USAID, were saying that if the Ethiopian government did not bring about a structural change in the feudal land tenure system there was no sense in investing in this country in the agricultural sector."

"Then came the revolution. The first thing it did was to introduce a land reform completely abolishing the landlord-tenant relationship, giving security of tenure to the tiller. So you cannot come and say now that the government's policy is wrong, structurally speaking. What else would you have done?"

"We also hear that we pay the farmers too little, there's no incentive, and so on and so forth. And I admit there's room for improvement. But I think that the problem is over-exaggerated. I don't believe that the low level of production is simply because of a lack of incentive in the price mechanism."

So does Kebede mean to say that if the farmers were paid more they wouldn't produce more goods?

They would, but it wouldn't make a miraculous difference. It's not the sole cause of the stagnancy of production. Ethiopia's not like the Soviet Union in the 1930s, where the agricultural sector was milked to build up industry, our policy, so far, has not been that rigorous. The margin that we're talking about is in the region of Birr 5-10: US\$2.5-5 per quintal (100 kg). Let's assume that this were allowed and that margin was gained. I wonder how much production would be boosted?"

**Suspected**

Kebede suspected that there would be little change. "If you want to see an increase in production, the more fundamental issue to address is lack of vital inputs like improved seeds and tools and fertiliser. These are the basic impediments."

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## Ethiopia: back on the brink

**The world's media are back in Ethiopia, just three years after the last famine, to watch 5 million people suffer from starvation. What brought**

**them back so soon? Tamerat Kebede, head of the international section of the Ethiopian government's relief and rehabilitation commission explains.**

co-operative system. At the maximum. And the rest are private holdings."

But cannot farmers be shifted by the Peasants Associations which were established by the government to manage villages?

"No. I mean, within that collectivised 1.5%, yes. But the rest no."

So the rest really have true, fixed tenure of their own plot? Yes.

But the image in the West is quite different from that.

"I know. It's deliberately being blown up, in my opinion, for political reasons. Don't get me wrong. I'm not an apologist for some of the fundamental misgivings that others have and I have as an individual on certain policies; but because of that, I won't go out and exaggerate the situation."

**Aid**

"Collectivisation is a very, very slow process in Ethiopia. Even this 1.5% — it's claimed it's collectivisation, but it isn't in some senses. They organise themselves in a producer's co-operative, they try it for a couple of years, they may decide on their own not to continue; there's no government pressure to make them continue. So the figure of the number of producers' co-operatives goes up and down like a yo-yo. I'm giving you the peak period. For all I know it's 1% now."

Ethiopia receives very little long-term development aid from the West or from the USSR — some US\$2 per head per year, compared with \$20 in neighbouring Sudan and \$35 in Somalia. Is that an obstacle to development?

"One cannot establish a direct relationship — one cannot say that this is THE variable that is causing this crisis — though obviously if we had been assisted in our modest efforts, with our limited

resource, to seek long-term solutions, I don't think we'd have been in the position we're in, such a short period after the last drought."

But here we were talking only about Western aid. Ethiopia has a strongly pro-Soviet government. Does the country get any development aid from

the USSR of any substance?

"It's not that substantial. We do get some, particularly in the health sector. There are also irrigation schemes in which the USSR is assisting; one of them is a very extensive irrigation project in Jubbabor (in the West) near Gambela. But that's a very long-term project; the

study itself has taken a couple of years."

Lack of aid hindered the resettlement programme, Kebede said.

**Politics**

"Politics affects everything. In my opinion resettlement was a very viable solution to a situation where you have on the one hand over-populated, exhausted land that just cannot sustain the numbers of people living on it; and on the other you have a fertile, untouched, vast land (in the South-West) with irrigation potential, and reliable soils and climate. But we tried to resettle people from this populous area to this potentially promising area, and no one wanted to help. Very few non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were involved. Resettlement needed to be backed by assistance to set up the necessary social services and so on; with aid, I think we could have tackled correctly a good portion of this cyclical problem of the North."

Kebede was the head of the settlement department. What major difficulties did he suffer then in terms of lack of aid?

"Basically lack of resources. Here is something that really fascinates me. When we had a number of people at point 'A' we were allowed to give them grain assistance from 'Y' NGO. But by the time we had moved them to point 'B' we were told that the grain cannot be used to assist those same people, because now it has become 'development', and the grain has not come for development. This kind of logic beats me."

This was an NGO argument? "Yes, a number of NGOs and governments for that matter. And the European Economic Community (EEC). Our argument was that this grain has come to save the lives of these people — and if it is designed

"Yes. Most of them are done by paying for work by providing food and if peasants were to get sufficient food, even this programme would not be viable any more, as the farmer will not go out and do terracing just for an extra kilo of grain. The food-for-work programme is succeeding only because there is such a severe lack of production."

"Could Kebede give an example?"

"We had a lot of problems with the EEC grain."

The EEC was providing a lot of grain in elo, for example, but refusing to send it to the resettlement area?

"Yes. And you can't blame the NGOs; if an NGO gets grain from EEC or USAID, it's not so much the NGO's decision, it's tied. So maybe it's unfair of me to blame the NGOs. But we had the problem nevertheless. We were not allowed to use the grain."

There were also problems with the resources devoted to resettlement. How much was Kebede able to invest in each family arriving?

"Not directly. Especially after what happened recently when the rebels attacked a food convoy — and burned the grain. I wish they'd at least looted the grain and given it to the people. To burn grain ... who would negotiate with people who'd carry out this kind of irrational activity? But again, I'm optimistic that they've been condemned enough by the international community, that it has back-fired on them, and they're not likely to repeat this thing. Already, when I was about to leave, the cycle of trucking had begun. But even given an ideal security situation, given the limitation of time and the huge amounts of grain we have to pre-position in the North, we have to have more air support."

How quickly does the RRC need in any continuing assistance to the resettled families now?

"Right away. Right away."

In the next few weeks or months, what are the critical points when we will know whether the right amount of food is coming?

"It's the pledges. The scheduled pledges. From donors, governments and multilateral institutions and UN agencies. The main contributors, aside from bilateral agreements with Australia, Canada and the US, are the EEC, the World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, and I'm hoping we should soon know where we stand with respect to commitments from these bodies. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is another important contributor."

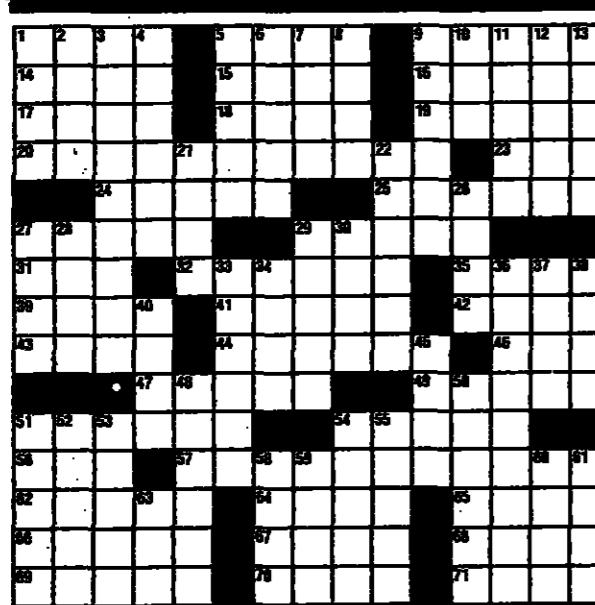
"It's the pledges we're waiting for."

Patos Features



Five million Ethiopians face starvation after the failure of the 1987 rains, just three years after the last drought.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- Isle of song
- Puts two and two together
- A Strasberg
- Bator
- For a fact
- Actress Verdugo
- The better part
- Stadium feature
- They make up a score
- Make a big showing
- Use a shuttle
- Horsey sound
- Weapons repository
- Thin metal disk
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- Certain exam
- Diva Lehmann
- Eat in style
- The Battle Hymn of the Republic" author
- Quagmire
- Way to go: Abbr.
- Put in order
- Urban problem
- Geraldine of opera fame
- Bird of white plumage
- Soul, in Paris
- Apple polisher
- Best fiber
- Opera's Ponsalle
- House leave collector
- "The Tempest" role
- Not up yet
- Forever and a day
- Historians'

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DEFENSIVE LEGERDEMAIN

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♦ Q 10 8 6 5 4

♦ A Q

♦ A

♦ Q 9 6 3

**WEST**

♦ A J

♦ K 7 3

♦ A

♦ 10 8 7 6 5 2

♦ J 9 4

♦ 8 7 2 ♠ A 5 4

**EAST**

♦ 9 2

♦ K J 8 6 4 3

♦ K Q 3

♦ K 10

The bidding:

South: West: North: East:

1 ♠ Pass: 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass: 4 ♠ Pass

Pass: Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠

We firmly believe that good defense is the most difficult aspect of bridge, because each defender can see only half his side's assets. Therefore, we take particular pleasure in offering you this defensive tour de force.

South's simple rebid of his own suit showed a minimum opening bid and at least a six-card suit. With a confirmed eight-card fit, North

wasted no time in telling his partner that he had the values for game.

It was obvious that a minor-suit lead was called for, and West got his side off to an excellent start when he selected a club rather than a diamond for his opening salvo. East rose with the ace, and since a club continuation would set up two club tricks for declarer even if West held the king, East elected to shift, and the only suit that offered any promise was spades.

West rose with the ace of spades and returned the jack. Declarer made a fine play from dummy when he decided not to cover — he was quite happy to have West on lead, for it was unlikely that any continuation from West could harm him. But East was a step ahead of declarer. By simply covering the jack, declarer could have set up the table's suit for discards. Since he failed to do so, he could have no fast losers in the remaining side suits. So East overtook the jack with his king and led a third spade.

Declarer had no reason to suspect a 4-1 trump distribution. Not surprisingly, he chose to ruff with a trump honor. That set up a trump trick in the East hand for down one.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

**B.C.**

Dear Fat Bored,  
I'm looking for a job writing a column like yours.

sincerely,

Anjoune

I don't have much experience but I do have a pretty face and a gorgeous body. Where shall I look?

sincerely,

## Dear Junior Readers,

There are many people we see everyday who help make our lives more comfortable, yet we often forget to express our appreciation to these people.

Of course, we always remember to say "thank you" to our parents when they help us. But look around you and think of the other people who help you daily.

Perhaps you have someone who helps your family in your home. Do you say "thank you" when they bring you your tea or launder your clothes? When you get on the bus for school, do you greet the driver and thank him for his safe driving?

At school, as you go through the gate, there is often someone there who looks after your safety. Do you notice him? And your classroom is a pleasant place to be because someone carefully cleans it for you. Do you express appreciation to these people. Your teachers devote much of their time and energy in preparing your studies. They deserve your gratitude, too.

It takes less than two seconds to say "thank you", but the good feeling it gives the other person and you lasts much, much longer.

Aunt Barbara

ONCE upon a Monday morning. When the sun was rising red, Little Mousies wakened, startled, Sat up suddenly in bed!

"What a noise!" said Sister Tilly, "Let us take a look outside!" Out they scrambled, to the window: "Well!" they said; and "Oo" they cried.

There, below them, throughout the woodland, Came a circus, out of town! Scarlet-collared geese for horses, At the fore, a Monkey-Clown!

Birds and bunnies, woodland mousies Gazed and gazed with sparkling eyes, Clapping, running, most excited At this wonderful surprise!

Eager Mousies looked for money — They must pay to see the show... Bag and money-box were empty, Pockets too! They couldn't go!

Tilly wept and Tommy sniffed, Tiny Timmy wiped his eye: And, when Monkey-Clown came knocking, Woe! Mousies breathed a sigh.

Told him that they had no money, Showed him empty pockets too: Monkey-Clown said "Why not earn it?" And they wondered what to do.

So they went to Mr Squirrel, Asked if he could see a way: "Why not fetch the woodland washing? Woodland folk will gladly pay!"

Off they went with Tiny's barrow Straight to Mrs Porky Pry. Tommy knocked, but Mrs Porky Chased him off without reply!

Down the lane ran sorry

## Mr Badger to the rescue

Mousies, Reached the fence of Mrs Hare: Wondered, was she in the garden? Looked to see if she was there.

Mrs Hare was pulling turnips, Digging carrots with her fork: Mousies thought she might be working Much too hard to stop and talk.

Rather timidly they called her: Mrs Hare obeyed the call. Listened kindly: then she answered, "But your barrow is so small!"

Sorrowfully Mousies left her: Now they'd never see the show! Never get inside the circus! Every one had answered "No!"

Then they saw the sign-



post pointing Up to Mr Badger's house. "Shall we try him, Tom?" said Tilly, "Do you think he'd help a mouse?"

"Oh, we might as well!" said Tommy, "For it isn't far to go." So they went to Mr Badger. Told him all about the show.

"Why, of course!" said Mr Badger, "Come with me, I'll put you right!" When they got two extra barrows, Mousies twittered with delight.

Off they hurried for the washing. By the tents, and Monkey-Clown; Off to Mrs Bunny's cottage, Right across the Woodland Town!

Here they found the washing flapping. Nearly ready, in the breeze. Mrs Bunny had her clothes line Tied across between the trees.

Soon she had it piled in baskets, Packed each barrow with its load. And, at last, the eager Mousies All were ready for the road.

But, before she let them leave her, Mrs Bunny said "Take care! For the road is very bumpy: When you reach the bridge, beware!"

Up the hill and down the hollow, To the bridge across the stream! Tilly, leading, struck a boulder!

Over went poor Tilly's

barrow! Over went poor Tilly, too! Over went the washing basket, To the river down below!

Frog held up his hands in horror: Tommy's barrow ran away — Tommy tried to miss poor Tilly, But 'twas their unlucky day!

Tommy down and Tilly injured! Everything was going wrong! Meanwhile, what about the washing, Sailing merrily along?

Mr Frog had seen their trouble, Seen the washing basket go, Went and told the tale to Badger. Fishing down the stream below.

Mr Badger hadn't seen them, For the bridge was out

of sight: So he packed his things and hurried — He could help them in their plight!

As he crossed the bridge he saw them, Sad of face upon the brink, Trying hard to reach the basket: Called out "Stop, you'll make it sink!"

Tiny heard him, waved and shouted: Badger hastened to their aid: Waded in and got the basket, Safe, but soaking, I'm afraid.

When they aw the dripping washing, Mousies stared in great dismay: Mr Badger packed it for them, Wheeled the barrow all the way.

"Oh dear, what will Mrs Hare say?" Mousies said as they drew near. Mrs Hare was very troubled, said "Oh dear, oh dear, OH DEAR!"

Though the washing soon was mangled, Soon put out once more to dry. Yet the Mousies still had nothing, And they all began to cry.

Mr Badger wiped his glasses, Said "Well! Well! Just as I feared! Never mind, my dears, I'll take you!" How the Mousies clapped and cheered!

Off they hurried to the circus, Mr Badger paid the clown. And, inside, some seats were empty. At the front. They all sat down.

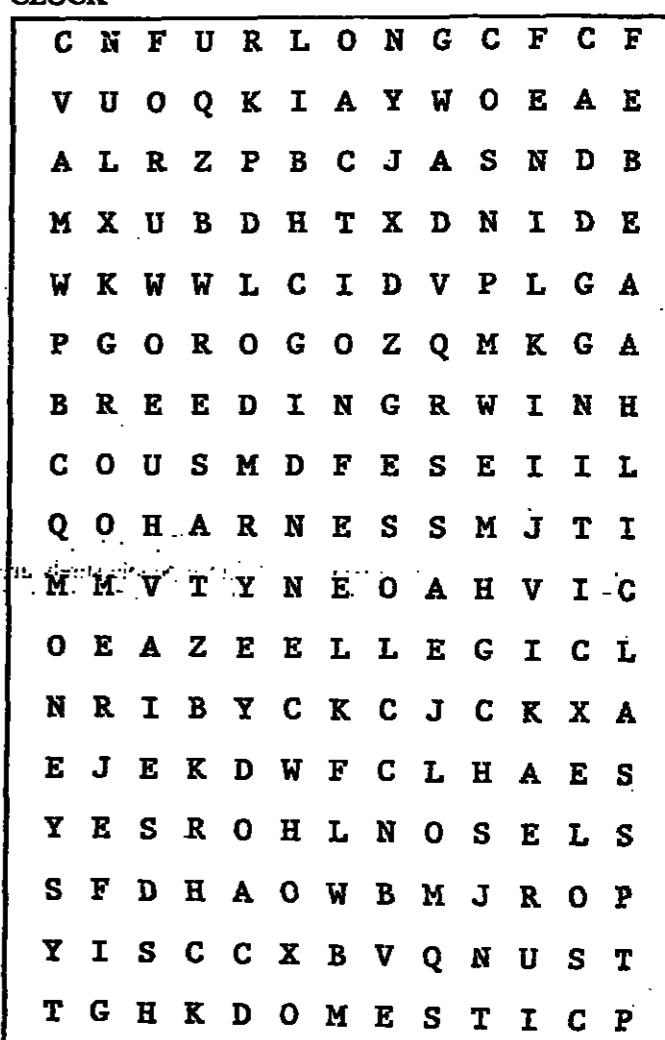
How they clapped the clever sea-lion, With the ball upon his nose! How they cheered and laughed and chattered At this glorious show of shows!

Happy, happy little Mousies, With their more than happy friend. Glad that he had brought their troubles To this very happy END.

## Search for a winner

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

ACTION	CLOSE	FURLONG	LOSE
ANIMAL	CROWD	GROOM	MONEY
BOOKIE	CURB	HARNESS	NOSE
BREEDING	DOMESTIC	HORSE	ODDS
CEDE	EXCITING	JOCKEY	PLACE
CLASS	FAN	LINE	SHOW
CLOCK			WIN



## The truth at last?

HAVING picked out the Doppel Gang members, Annie and the Professor went to the Police Chief. This time he DID believe her — the Professor made sure of it.

Then things started happening very quickly. Almost before she knew it, Annie was setting off once more for the buried chamber. This time she was on official police business which meant she travelled by camel.

Annie found camel riding rather tricky. She was trying hard to balance when she noticed her hand — the one she had scratched in the struggle with the thief. It was marked with blue pen.

At the same time, the uncomfortable rolling movement of the camel jolted her brain into action. At last, all the clues slotted into place. She knew for sure that she had been right all along.

Then Annie caught sight of two figures at the entrance to the chamber.

"The crooks! They've escaped," police struggled with the crooks. Only when they were handcuffed was Annie's voice heard.

"They're not the ones. The thief and his accomplice are still in the chamber. I know who did it and I know why."

Reluctantly, the Police Chief listened to Annie's protests. He dismounted his camel rather clumsily and shambled towards the

## The curse of the lost idol

hole in the ground. From the bottom of the shaft came the noise of despatch, muffled whispers.

By this time it was completely light and the wind was starting to blow. In the distance, Annie saw an ominous sandy cloud. Another sandstorm?

All of sudden a vicious gust of wind blew. Annie to the ground. As she struggled to her feet, she screamed in horror.

"LOOK OUT!" she yelled to the Police Chief.

The big boulder that Annie had been unable to budge was rolling towards the Police Chief. He threw himself clear just in

time. A split second later it would have squashed him flat.

Annie watched in disbelief. The boulder had stopped, lodged in the hole leading down to the chamber. The entrance to the chamber was sealed and the crooks were trapped inside.

But that boulder weighs tons," Annie thought aloud. "It's impossible. How did it happen? Was it the wind...?"

"Or the CURSE," said the Professor seriously. "The ancient gods have taken their revenge."

Everyone turned and stared at the Professor in

stunned silence. Was it true? Was it really the ancient curse punishing the thief? Annie did not want to believe it, but there seemed to be no other explanation.

Afterwards, when Annie's adventure in Egypt was over, there was still one other thing that puzzled her. Who was the little person with the outsize moustache? Do you know?

It's Eric. He disguised himself and was not named on the passenger list to assist the Professor and to do some snooping in case of a theft.

Ahmed Ablunda must have thought that Annie was Doris Dane-Jurass in disguise (see page 70). In fact they are quite different.

He has dyed his brown hair black.

Scar on left cheek.

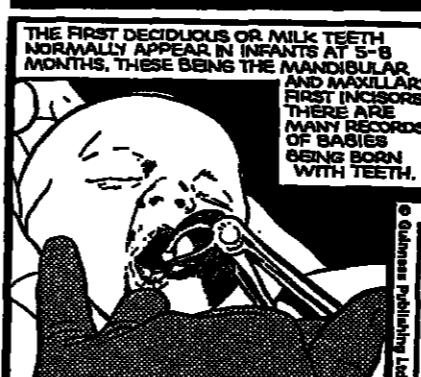


Same gold earrings and necklace.

She has changed her hair colour, but it is the same style and length.

The thief is Sam Scoop, who will do anything for a story, and his accomplice is Harriet Flash alias 'Harry'.

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FIRST DECIDUOUS OR MILK TEETH APPEARED IN HUMANS 20 MONTHS. THESE BEING THE MANDIBULAR AND MAXILLARY FIRST INCISORS. THERE ARE MANY RECORDS OF BABIES BEING BORN WITH TEETH.

THE EARLIEST DENTAL DRILLS WERE AN INVENTION OF ANCIENT EGYPTIANS. THESE HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DISCOVERED. MECHANICAL DRILLS TURNED 30 DENTES OUT IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES. THESE HAVE BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY REPLACED BY ELECTRIC TURBO-DRILLS SPINNING AT AN ASTONISHING 6,500,000 RPM.



IN AUGUST 1986, RICHARD HOFMANN (A. 1947) ACHIEVED A BITE STRENGTH OF 1750 KG. IN A DENTAL RESEARCH TEST USING A DENTOMYOMETER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, USA. THIS FIGURE IS OVER 6 TIMES NORMAL BITING STRENGTH.

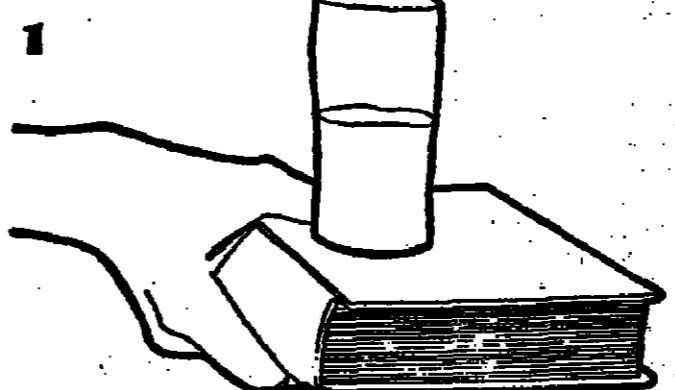
## The last drop

## The illusion:

You place a glass on a book, fill it half full of water, cover it with a napkin, and ask a woman to lift it. She does so easily. You add one more drop of water and ask her to lift it again. This time, however, she'll find it utterly impossible to lift the glass!

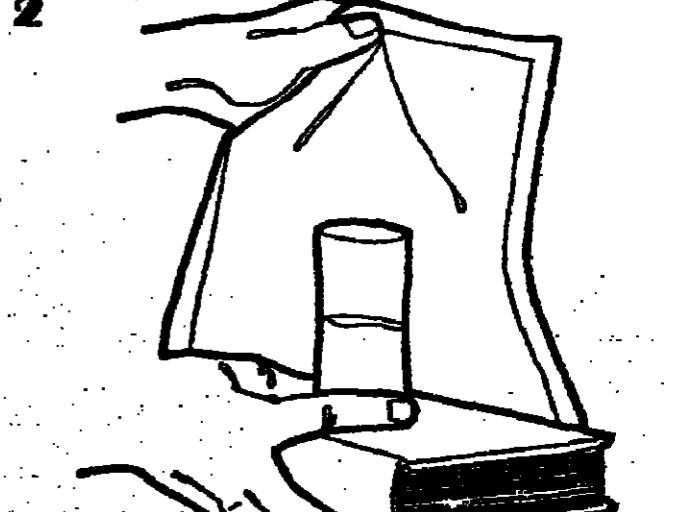
## The trick:

The book will be your tray. Hold it with your thumb on top, and your last three fingers underneath, supporting the weight of the book. Keep your index finger free but out of sight. Place the glass on the book so that it sets fairly close to your thumb (1). Pour in some water and then cover the glass with a napkin or handkerchief. When



your friend grasps the glass through the cloth she will be able to lift the glass with ease. Remove the handkerchief and add just one more drop of liquid. As you cover the glass this time bring your index finger out from under the book so you can grip the glass between your index finger and thumb (2). Now when your friend tries to lift the glass you can very easily keep her from doing so. Before you remove the handkerchief you merely put your finger back under the book. It may not be scientific, but that's the magician's version of heavy water!

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nigeria sticks to Opec pact

## World oil prices will rebound to around \$18: Otaiba

ABU DHABI, Feb 1, (Agencies): An Opec minister today predicted world oil prices will rebound to around \$18 a barrel "within a week or two" due to a dramatic drop in the organisation's output.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Seized Al Otaiba told a visiting Japanese delegation Opec's overall production at present was between 16 and 16.5 million barrels a day against over 19 million bpd during the period between July and November.

"Opec's adherence to their output quota levels has forced world oil companies to draw between three to four million bpd from their inventories that they have accumulated during the summer period," Otaiba said.

He said that shortage in supplies would push back prices to

their official levels at around \$18 a barrel.

"We will reach this level (\$18) very soon ... perhaps within a week or two despite the wishes of all parties which want a market collapse," Otaiba said in a statement distributed by the official Emirates News Agency.

**Surplus**

Otaiba said the stock drawdown "will mop out all the surplus quantities of oil in the market by the end of February."

At their last meeting in Vienna Dec 13, Opec's 13 oil ministers agreed on an output ceiling of 15.06 million bpd to all members, except Iraq, to defend official prices at \$18 a barrel.

But the agreement then failed to impress a heavily glutted market and world oil prices plummeted by as much as \$5 a

barrel before steady at \$15-16 a barrel.

Otaiba said the UAE and Opec were "determined" to defend \$18 official price and were "sincere" in their adherence to Opec's resolutions.

The UAE minister accused unnamed international oil companies of employing "psychological" tactics, including "the spreading of rumours" to press Opec into lowering official prices.

Otaiba was quoted by the agency as saying "certain" companies have started to cut down on their contractual volumes as part of the ongoing pressure to lower official prices.

A leading Abu Dhabi chamber official has praised the flourishing trade and economic ties between the UAE and Japan

especially in the oil sector.

Saeed Ahmed Otaiba, president of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made the remarks during official talks here today with the visiting Japanese delegation led by Yasuoichi Morita, general manager of the Abu Dhabi Oil Company Limited — Japan (Adoc).

Otaiba, who is also chairman of the UAE Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said that Japanese technological industries had lucrative markets in the UAE.

**Strides**

He also said trade cooperation between the two countries had taken "great strides" noting that Japan has effectively contributed to the infrastructural projects executed or under construction in the country.

He called for the establishment of joint ventures in free trade zones in the emirates.

Meanwhile, Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwan Lukman denied reports that his country will sell its crude oil for less than the Opec reference price of \$18 per barrel.

**Basis**

Lukman, who made the remarks on Lagos television last night, was reacting to agency reports from the US spot market last week that Nigeria indicated a willingness to sell oil on the so-called "netback basis".

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to discard the discounted netback system on Feb 1, 1987, and return to a fixed-price system.

Nigeria on that date informed

all oil companies that it would no longer sell its oil on a netback basis, saying that a reference price of \$18 a barrel would apply.

According to the TV report, the Nigerian report on the American spot market led to a drop last Thursday of crude oil prices to \$16.50 a barrel.

Lukman was also quoted by Lagos TV as saying that Opec countries were presently underling their respective quotas by about 2 million barrels a day due to price resistance.

In the meantime, Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Dr Subroto said in Jakarta that in the next 100 days an oil price of \$18 a barrel could be maintained as Opec member countries were honouring their agreement on production and prices reached last December.

## World Business Summary

### Poland devalues currency

WARSAW, Feb 1, (Reuters): Poland has devalued the zloty by 15.8 per cent against the US dollar, according to new exchange rates published in the official press today. The official rate listed in the government newspaper *Rzecznik Pospolity* and the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* was 380 zloties to the dollar against 319.96 zloties on Friday. The rates appeared in a weekly list published by the two newspapers under the authorisation of National Bank president Wladyslaw Baka. However the official news agency PAP did not make its usual devaluation announcement over the weekend and spokesmen for the bank were not immediately available for comment. The devaluation coincided with government-imposed price rises of 27 per cent for essential goods and services, including a 40-per-cent increase for food and 60 per cent on petrol.

The last announced devaluation of the zloty on February 1, 1987, reduced its value by 19.5 per cent to a rate of 240 zloties to the dollar. Since then the Polish currency has been allowed to float, falling weekly by two or three per cent.

### Brazilian inflation hits 16.5 pc

SAO PAULO, Feb 1, (Reuters): Brazil's monthly inflation rate — a key indicator of a country's political as well as economic well-being — rose to 16.51 per cent in January in its sharpest rise since June of last year, the government said.

The Geography and Statistics Institute (IBGE) said yesterday that the consumer price index had risen by a hefty 36.47 per cent over the past 12 months. Inflation is among Brazil's most major political issues and political analysts say the inflation rate over the next few months could determine how long President Jose Sarney stays in office. The Constituent Assembly in Brasilia is currently debating a new constitution and the question of how long a mandate Sarney should be given, four years or five, is one of the most hotly-debated issues. Political analysts said Sarney, who came to power in March 1985, had an even chance of achieving his wish to a five-year term. But they added that his chances could fade if inflation kept worsening.

Last September monthly inflation was a far tamer 5.68 per cent. But it rose steadily, reaching 9.18 per cent in October, 12.84 per cent in November and 14.14 per cent in December.

Brazil's peak monthly inflation rate of 26 per cent was recorded in June of last year. January's figures were the first to be published since Sarney appointed Mairon Nordega as finance minister. Nordega's two predecessors, Dilson Fumaro and Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, had both tried to contain inflation by price freezes. Nordega is seeking to control prices by an informal pact with industry and commerce.

## Export boom to help growth

## American economy seen slowing

WASHINGTON, Feb 1, (Reuters): The US economy is showing signs of a slowing significantly in the first part of the year, but government officials and some economists are looking to an export boom to help sustain a moderate level of growth.

Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Orttner said that a buildup of inventories in the fourth quarter of 1987 due to a slowdown in consumer spending is likely to slow economic growth in the early part of the year.

But he said that rising US exports, an expected increase in business investments and a modest rise in consumer spending should help economic growth for the year as a whole.

"I think prospects are quite decent for some moderate growth," Orttner told Reuters. "Chances are that growth will be slower in 1988 than it was in 1987."

The government announced last week that the US economy grew at a robust 4.2 per cent annual rate during the last three months of 1987, bringing the growth rate from fourth quarter 1987 to fourth quarter 1988 to 3.8 per cent.

Much of the fourth quarter growth was due to a buildup in inventories of unsold goods that may drag on expansion this year. Despite the current signs of slowdown, most economists as well as the administration, do not foresee a recession this year. They see a moderate level of expansion.

The administration economic

forecast sees a 2.4 per cent level of growth in the gross national product in 1988.

Republicans are anxious to keep the current economic expansion, now in its sixth year, going through the elections. It is the longest peace time economic expansion in US history and that would give the Republicans something to point to in their fight to keep control of the White House away from the Democrats.

For that reason the financial markets believe the Federal Reserve will ease credit policy to give the US economy a boost as the country heads for the November elections.

But many economists say the Fed is inclined to do little to push interest rates lower.

"I really don't understand the hypothesis that the Fed is sitting over there thinking seriously about easing money right now," said Mortgage Bankers Association economist Lyle Gramley, a former Federal Reserve governor.

### Recession

"Those people surely are not going to be so antsy about making sure that we don't have recession that one or two statistics that look a little weak they are going to ease money," Gramley said.

Gramley said he sees the US economy growing by a slow 1.5 to 2 per cent annual rate in the first half and then picking up to 2.5 to 3 per cent in the second half to bring the growth rate to around 2.25 per cent for the entire year.

He said he believes US manufacturers are encouraged by

believe US economic growth will continue, albeit at a lower level than last year, some believe a business recession may already be here.

"The recession has already started" said Michael Evans of Evans Economics. He said US unemployment is starting to rise and a government report on the January employment rate "will be a real eye opener."

The unemployment rate in December was 5.8 per cent the lowest level since July 1979 when it was 5.7 per cent.

### Increases

Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert Heller told a world economic forum in Switzerland last week that he sees the US economy growing in 1988 by more than two per cent above the inflation rate. But he acknowledged the quarterly growth pattern will be uneven.

Heller said about half of the impetus for continued US economic expansion in 1988 would come from higher US exports due to the competitive benefits of a devalued US dollar.

"We must shift resources from the domestic sector to the international sector, and our domestic growth will have to be some what subdued to free those resources for international sector expansion," Heller said.

Donald Ratajczak, director of economic forecasting at Georgia State University, said an increase in US exports alone will not be enough to sustain US economic growth. Business investment will also be needed, he said.

He said he believes US manufacturers are encouraged by

growth prospects and will increase capital spending this year, which along with exports should offset a slower rise in consumer spending.

Ratajczak said there is a question of how long the current rise in US exports can be sustained.

"We are taking some activity away from the importers and what does that do to the export countries," he said. Slower growth abroad in the end could limit US export prospects.

Heads of government of the 12 memberstates are due in Brussels on February 11-12 and hope to remove some of the obstacles confronting next week's summit on the EEC's financial crisis.

Both Britain and the Netherlands continue to insist that until tough "stabilisers" are agreed to penalise over-production by farmers, there can be no increase in resources and no extra spending on the EEC's less-developed areas.

## Gulf aluminium industry set for major expansion

BAHRAIN, Feb 1, (Reuters): Gulf aluminium producers believe cheap energy supplies may be the key that will turn the region into a major force in the world's aluminium industry.

After a year of record Gulf production, plans for a major expansion in smelting capacity are to go ahead in spite of a recession caused by declining government oil revenues.

One of two Gulf smelters is preparing to boost capacity 25 per cent, construction of a third smelter scheduled to begin in July and plans for a fourth are being studied.

"We're working on the basis of vast closures in the United States," said one industry consultant. "Everyone has agreed that a third smelter in the Gulf — and maybe a fourth — is possible."

Gudvin Tofte, chief executive of Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) said the price at which he can sell aluminium has nearly doubled over a year to \$1,900 a tonne.

### Prices

"Right now, there are no signs prices will fall," he told Reuters in an interview.

The Gulf's main advantage is its huge fields of natural gas, which have made power costs for local producers cheaper than those for most producers elsewhere in the world, according to officials in the energy-intensive industry.

Canada's aluminium industry can rely on vast resources of cheap hydro-electric power, but US producers, who account for a big share of the 13 to 15 million tonnes of annual world production, have been hit by rising energy costs.

One local industry source believes up to 11 US smelters will have to close in the near future, and Gulf producers with cheaper energy can take their place.

The local industry has won an increasing share of the international market.

With no exploitable ore deposits, raw material comes mostly from Australia, and with a local market of only around 100,000 tonnes per year, exports go mainly to the Far East.

Output

Dubai Aluminium Company Ltd (Duba) said its 1987 production of 155,876 tonnes was the highest since the plant opened in the late 1970s.

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mid-year for an end-of-1989 startup, Alba will upgrade the power station to save energy.

The programme also calls for adding 76 reduction cells for a total 25,000 tonnes of increased capacity.

The 35 million dinar (\$93 million) second phase, to start in mid-1988, involves adding computer-controlled, process technology and a gas collection system.

### Capacity

When it is finished at the end of 1991, annual capacity will have risen another 20,000 tonnes.

Finance is now being put in place for the first phase. Present shareholders have agreed to increase equity by 7.5 million dinars (\$20 million) and the National Bank of Bahrain will lend Alba eight million dinars.

Alba officials say they hope to have all of 15 or 16 contracts to build the \$1.2-billion plant signed by May, and the three-year construction project should begin by July.

They say Chinese companies have agreed to lift a big share of its production for 12 years after the plant is finished.

THE Sudanese government has substantially increased its revenues recently, recording a rise of 101 per cent, according to Sudan's Finance and Economic Planning Minister Dr Bashir Omer.

In a statement to a local daily, the minister said that import duties accounted for the bulk of the income increase.

He added, however, that the government is seeking to curb unnecessary expenses.

Omer noted that the government has restricted official trips abroad and would only approve commercially yielding missions.

The minister said strict measures have been introduced to stamp out smuggling.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988

## International Bond Markets

Paris—Caisse Nationale Des Autoroutes is issuing a three billion franc domestic bond in two equal tranches of 1.5 billion francs, the French bond committee said. (RTV 1029)

Frankfurt—The volume of new mark Eurobonds issues rose to 4.68 billion marks in January from 2.63 billion in December, with the number of offerings rising to 17 from 12 the Bundesbank said in a statement. (RTV 1020)

London—Commonwealth Bank of Australia is issuing a 50 mln stg bond due March 8, 1993 bearing a coupon of 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4, Baring Brothers and Co Ltd said as lead manager. (RTV 1414)

London—France's Societe Generale is issuing a 75 mln Australian dollar bond due March 23, 1992, bearing a coupon of 13 pct and priced at 101-7/8, Westpac Banking Corp Ltd said as lead manager. (RTX 1436)

Paris—Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole is issuing 500 mln francs worth of 9.90 pct domestic bonds at 99.04 pct, an announcement in the official bulletin said. (RTV 0935)

## Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-3/4 5/8	9 8-7/8	9-3/16 1/16	3-25/35
FFT 3.20/50	3.15/25		
PAR 7-3/16 5/16	7-5/16 7/16	7-1/2 5/8	
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-7/8 2-1/8	
BRX 4.20	6-5/16 7/16	6-5/16 7/16	
RON 9 11-3/4	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-5/8 11-1/8	
AMS 4-1/16 4-1/4	3-7/8 4-0/0	4-0/0 4-1/8	
TOK 3.5000 5625	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9275	
ECU 5.81 6.06	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31	

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-9/16	5-1/16
3 months	4-5/8	5-1/16
6 months	4-11/16	5-1/8
1 year	5-1/16	5-9/16

## Bahrain

PR:CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	32.50	33	33	MODI AL KALI	4.50	--
ACC 153.50	157	161	GRAYON 120				NARMDACHT		
ABINADV	--	--	GSFC	113.50	114	116	OKRAY	24	24-50
ABINADV400	--	--	GIUPETTO	24.50			PRAEMUTO	27.50	28.50
AND IRA CEM 9.50	9.25	9.75	GMAILORON	93.50	93.50	93.50	RAYMOND CO	--	
AND IRA VLY 145			HINDALCO	123.50	123	122.50	RAYMOND WOOL	48	48
BAJAJ AUTO 457.50	465	461.25	HYD LAMPS	--			RELIANCE	102	103
BAR RAYON 153.75	155	155	IND ORG	20	18.75	21.50	SPIC	32	32
BON DYING 123.50	122	125	INDRAYON	51	51.50	52	STD MILLS	242	254
BOMRAJ STOCK PRICES			INDROL	192.50	192.50	192.50	STOMEDICAL	29	--
BSE INDEX 448.04	437.24	ITC	32	51	52.50	52.50	STREELUBE	7.25	--
CENTURIONSPG 655	655	657.50	ITC CD	--	--	--	TATA PUR	180	175
COLGATE 201.25	201.25	202.50	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	63.50	63.50
DEEPAKFT 30.50	30.50	32	JSYNSYNTH	60	61	58.25	TATAOIL	75	76.50
DHARMENTC	--	--	--	--	--	--	THE HOUSING BANK	1.58	1.58
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	--	--	--	UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
GARMPOLY 77	77	77	NAHINDRA	57	57	58	VOLTA	265	260
							YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

## Frankfurt

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUBI CP	1130	1120	MITSUBI EL	595	590
AEG 179.0	170.6	AIJINMOTO 3340	3360	MITSUBI EST	2060	2090	MITSUBI HVY	583	587
ALLIANT VR 1235.0	1199.5	AKAI ELEC 480	475	MITSUBI HVY	724	727	MITSUBI KOM	1550	1550
BADENWERK 170.5	174.0	ASHI GAS 1800	1800	MITSUMI	1080	1030	MITSUMI EL	1290	1260
BAASF 227.0	225.0	ASHI OPT 595	585	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MICHICON	753	767
BAYER HYP 261.6	237.1	BANK TOKYO 1410	1420	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1660	1670
BAYER VER 301.0	300.0	BRIDGESTON 1290	1260	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1100	1100
BBC 279.0	279.5	CANON 984	968	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1100	1100
BRF 275.0	271.0	CASIO COMP 1170	1170	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1100	1100
BWY 490.0	477.0	CHIGAI MNG 1600	1580	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1100	1100
CHENIE-VER 0	120.0	CITIZEN W 618	587	MITSUMI	1260	1250	MITSUMI	1100	1100
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World will escape a recession

## Global economy fragile, say economists

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1. (Reuters): Economic policy-makers say the world will escape a recession and may be healthier after the turmoil on share and currency markets, but they are having a hard time convincing businessmen, or even all of their colleagues.

"In informal meetings here, I heard a lot of pessimism," David Milford, assistant secretary of the US Treasury, said of the Davos world economic forum, which began on Thursday and ends on Wednesday. "But policies are moving in the right direction."

**Confidence**  
"We are in a delicate process of confidence building," he added. "There is no substitute for patience, time and developing policies options that are acceptable and politically possible in our countries."

But, another important economic figure, who did not want to be named, or even identified as a businessman or government official, saw it differently.

"I'm deeply pessimistic."

### WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 1. (Reuters): Gold-related stocks dragged a lackluster share market to sharply lower close after Friday's \$13.30 an ounce fall in bullion prices. The All Ordinaries index at the close was 19.5 points lower at 1,237.5.

**TOKYO:** Prices close steady after bullish sentiment of last week was tempered by profit-taking on financials. The Nikkei Average rose 13.19 points to 23,732.32.

**HONG KONG:** Prices closed sharply lower on steady selling pressure from local institutions and small investors. The Hang Seng index lost 51.39 points to 2,358.27.

**SINGAPORE:** Stocks closed sharply lower in lackluster trading after profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 to 891.99.

**BOMBAY:** Prices recovered marginally in limited buying after last week's fall.

**FRANKFURT:** Prices ended higher and near the best levels of the session, boosted by the dollar's strong rise over the weekend and Wall Street's sharp gains on Friday. The commercial bank index, calculated at mid-session, rose 18.2 to 1,226.1.

**ZURICH:** Prices closed slightly firmer across the board on moderate turnover. The dollar's rise and Wall Street gains had limited impact. At 1315 GMT the All-Share Swiss index was up 10.6 at 775.6.

**LONDON:** Shares stayed firm throughout the morning but a surprise rise in Bank of England dealing rates sent prices tumbling just after midday. At 1223 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 3.8 at 1,794.6.

### Oil discovery

LONDON, Feb 1. (Kuna): An oilfield estimated to contain about 200 million barrels of recoverable oil has been discovered in Britain's North Sea, it was reported here today.

The discovery was made by a consortium headed by Amerada Hess, an American company.

Results from the new well just completed in the area provided fresh data confirming that the Waverley field was considerably bigger than the initial indications suggested.

The Daily Telegraph newspaper quoted industry sources here as saying "it was on a bar" with the other two big discoveries made over the last year, the Kerr McGee Gryphon discovery and the recent Britoil find, called the forth prospect in the North Sea.

### Inland Revenue bombshell

ANYONE who has not yet bought life assurance or who needs to top up existing policies has until February 25 to do so after the Inland Revenue yesterday dropped a bombshell on the life assurance industry which will remove important options for policyholders.

From February 25, policies which have the option to convert to a different type of cover — for example, those policies which for a "peppercorn" premium give you the option at maturity to leave your money invested in the life fund rolling up tax free, and take the proceeds as tax free income rather than a lump sum — will no longer be "qualifying" policies.

This means that the proceeds would no longer be tax free, as they are at present, but could be subject to higher rates of income tax.

### Incentive

However, existing policies and those taken out before this date will not be affected so there is a real incentive for anyone requiring life cover to sign it up before the cut-off date of February 25 to obtain a policy with these valuable options.

The new ruling is a blow for

interest rates as exchange rates cannot be maintained at current levels. Something's got to give," he said.

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### Healthier

The world might even find itself healthier, sobered after the excess enthusiasm of 1987, which saw stock markets soar before their resounding October crash. On their way to what was the longest period of sustained growth since World War Two.

The subject has dominated both the formal programme of this year's world economic forum in Davos and the informal talks in the corridors, where 1,000 top business and government personalities have gathered for the symposium.

Senior officials from the United States, Japan and West Germany — the three biggest industrial powerhouses — all pleaded for time. Curing massive

imbalances in their trade and payments was not an easy task, they said.

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### Expansion

The world has already witnessed five full years of steady economic expansion, so it is high time for a normal, cyclical cooling down. But the gloom of even a modest recession, coming on the heels of a stockmarket crash, could start to feed on itself and send the world into the downward spiral.

Even a modest recession could aggravate the Third World debt crisis, and that in turn could present renewed dangers to the world banking system.

This is also an election year in the United States, and no one here expects the Reagan administration to muster the willpower for new policy initiatives, though that is one of the things the world needs most.

A year ago, finance ministers

and central bankers from six major industrial power agreed in Paris that it was time the dollar's 2 1/2 year slide ended. Their agreement, dubbed the Louvre accord, managed to keep the dollar virtually unchanged for eight months.

### Steady

But that time was not without its pressures. According to private estimates, confirmed indirectly by a leading central banker, monetary authorities bought nearly \$120 billion during that time to keep the dollar steady.

That meant central banks had to finance about three-quarters of the United States current account deficit — the shortfall in trade of goods and services and in financial transfers — because private financial markets were unwilling to do so.

Central bankers say there were limits to the amount of unwanted dollars they could absorb. They could intervene massively again this year, but then the game is over. The US however, is expected to run a current account

deficit for at least several more years.

In their speeches here, Mulford, Japan's Vice-Minister of Finance, Toyoo Gyohten, and Helmut Schlesinger, vice-president of the West German Bundesbank, each emphasised that adjustment of policies in each of their countries will take time.

They argued that policy coordination was working, gradually, to cure the ills of the world economy.

But one participant at the Davos meeting, speaking privately, was not so sure. The time bought last year with central bank intervention after the Louvre accord has been wasted, he said. The result was the stock market crash.

And this year leadership was lacking, especially from a lame-duck Reagan administration and a coalition in Bonn weakened by a political scandal in the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

"I'm not really all that pessimistic," he said. "But after saying that, I'm not sure anymore."

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## Dollar jumps and gold softens

LONDON, Feb 1. (Reuters): The dollar jumped and bond markets around the world firmed today as traders bet the Japanese would be big buyers at this week's \$27 billion quarterly sale of government bonds.

They also said they were reassured when US officials speaking at the world economic forum in Davos, Switzerland, over the weekend said the dollar was where it ought to be to cut the US trade deficit without a recession, some dealers think there are reasons to buy.

Others are not so sure, though. "Historically, pre-action there always has been a spate of bullish comments coming out of the US to talk the dollar up," said a trader with an American bank in London.

And, although many speculators are buying up dollars expecting strong demand at the bond sale, some analysts say it is not sure it will materialise.

**Prices**  
London's FTSE 100-share index opened just 6.5 points higher at 1,797.3 and later edged above 1,800. In Tokyo, the world's biggest market, the 225-share Nikkei index rose just 13.16 points — 0.06 per cent — to 23,732.32.

Gold fell again. In London, gold began trading at about \$453 an ounce, its lowest since September, with dealers saying that such strong bond markets suggest investors are less worried about inflation and less unwilling to hold to dollars.

**Dealers**

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European trading, with the benchmark 30-year treasury bond up 1.5 points to 106.

Japanese, West German, British, French and Dutch bonds also gained, even though a strong dollar usually draws investors from these markets.

"It's astonishing that bonds are rising despite the higher dollar," a Frankfurt dealer said.

And while a rising dollar usually buoys European shares, its impact was limited today.

West German shares rose, with the 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opening 3.43 points, or 11.4 per cent, higher at 254.57.

But, said one Frankfurt dealer, "Everyone remains extremely cautious."

**Higher**  
Dutch shares rose modestly, with the CBS All-Share index up 0.7 points to 71.8. The Paris bourse indicator edged 0.37 per cent higher, and in Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index rose 7.6 points to 77.6.

Milan's MIB index fell 1.6 per cent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 51.39 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 2,358.27 while Sydney's All-Ordinaries index fell 19.5 points, or 1.15 per cent, to 1,237.5 and Singapore's Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 points, or 1.9 per cent, to 891.99.

### Dollar would continue to drop, says Saadoun

## GCC monetary cooperation vital

By Abdul Karim Kazem

KUWAIT'S well-known economic expert, Jassem Al Saadoun, said yesterday that it was difficult for an outsider to express an opinion on the merger of some local commercial banks.

He said this step concerned banks willing to merge in order to improve their financial situation.

In an interview with the *Seyasat* and *Arab Times* newspapers, Al Saadoun stressed the need for monetary cooperation between GCC states. He added that the states could go to the extent of unifying their currencies in order to improve negotiating power in buying, selling or investing.

Al Saadoun warned of another crash in the world stock markets, pointing out that if one took place it would result in a bigger economic crisis and would not be

limited to a stock market crisis. He predicted that the US dollar would continue to drop despite the optimistic atmosphere prevailing in world markets.

He also predicted the return of some Kuwaiti capital as a result of the world stock markets crash. He called for bringing back much capital on the medium and long-term, as a logical measure to restore balance to investment portfoliols.

### Agreement

Al Saadoun also called for a general agreement on pricing some important raw materials to preserve their value against the fluctuations of the dollar and the increase in the price of exports from industrial countries.

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whether it has been successful or not. He said that so far there had been no true evaluation of the success of the programme, adding that in any evaluation the direct and indirect costs of the programme and also the results must be considered.

### Competition

Al Saadoun said that the success or failure of the programme had no relation to the merger of local commercial banks. He said that any merger of commercial banks must be seen in the context of the number of banks in a country and whether this number was more than really needed. If not needed then merger became necessary.

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after the Al Manakh crisis, Kuwait needed two or three more commercial banks in order to improve functioning and competition in the banking sector. He said the situation of Kuwait's banks and their few number could be a kind of monopoly.

Al Saadoun said that so far nothing important had been achieved in the economic cooperation among the GCC states.

Despite much talk on economic cooperation, there was not more than an unimplemented agreement to unify customs duty, an agreement for practicing some professions, a limited ownership agreement and an unimplemented agreement to give priority to GCC products.

He said there were many economic fields in which GCC states could cooperate.

### Tokyo doing its best to overtake rich nations

## Japan's currency reserves exceed \$86b

TOKYO, Feb 1. (Kuna): Japan was seen nowadays by some observers as heading to be the No. 1 country in the world, doing its best to overtake rich nations, helping others and taking out for self-indulgence.

Although the Japanese avoid saying it, or make an issue of it, officials and analysts agree that financially, Japan is already dominating world markets, with its foreign currency reserves exceeding \$86 billion and the yen became "king of all currencies," while the dollar will be slipping to 100 yen if the American economy worsens further.

History records that in 1870s, Japan under Emperor Meiji made a revolutionary breakthrough of springing out from its old tribalism to modernisation at one stroke.

### Defeat

Since then, however, it began treading a precarious path of militarism and conquests, ending up in crumbling defeat to be followed by Japan turning towards an economic revolution and becoming one of the most ambitious industrial nations.

And now Japan is viewed as being well on the way to replace the US. Tokyo increased its defence spending to \$30 billion this year, yet the Japanese think they are still dwarfed by the US defence budget of \$280 billion, hence accepting the American military umbrella.

Japanese industrial companies are expanding their plants in the US, Europe and Southeast Asian countries, whereas many Japanese continue purchasing castles, housing complexes and priceless works of art from the West.

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## new world today

WHILE most Finnish citizens went to the polls yesterday the presidential candidates took time off. President Mauno Koivisto clears the snow from his summer cottage in Inkoo, southern Finland, with a snow plough. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOBOGGANING down the slopes of Mount Royal into a rapidly melting Beaver Lake, a girl takes advantage of the snow before it's all gone as temperatures soared to an unseasonal 10 degrees centigrade, in Montreal on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SENATOR Alan Cranston poses in his Capitol office with a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" on Friday. Cranston was sued by Hitler in 1939 for publishing this unauthorised edition. (Reuter wirephoto)



NICARAGUAN President Daniel Ortega visited Sweden for official talks with Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson (right). The two are pictured at Sunday's working dinner. (Reuter wirephoto)



REDSKIN centre, Jeff Bostic (53), lifts team-mate Clint Didier (86) high in the air after Didier scored a second quarter touchdown in the Skins 42-10 Super Bowl victory over the Denver Broncos in San Diego on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN-BORN Queen Noor of Jordan crouches by the wheelchair of 13-year-old handicapped Mario Langri during a visit to Rome's Bambino Gesu children's hospital yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (left) talks to his British counterpart Sir Geoffrey Howe prior to a meeting yesterday. The European Economic Community ministers began a two-day "conclave" yesterday in a final effort to remove some of the obstacles confronting next week's summit on the EEC's financial crisis. (Reuter wirephoto)



JAMES DENBY, US pilot who was shot down over Nicaragua Dec 6, 1987, returned at dawn on Sunday to his Central Illinois farm, ending two months of captivity that his wife Marie (left) called a "nightmare." Denby is shown at his home shortly after returning. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS STEPHANIE of Monaco and Andrea (Caroline's son) watch the International Circus Festival performance in Monte Carlo on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Prince Norodom Sihanouk (right) is greeted by China's Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang during their meeting in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)



EAST BERLIN defence lawyer Wolfgang Schnur (left) informs reporters and activists that East Germany has sentenced three more defendants to six months in prison for unlawful assembly yesterday morning in East Berlin. On his right is Manfred Becker, a senior Protestant Church official. (Reuter wirephoto)



US dasher Carl Lewis yawns as he relaxes from his 200 metres run at Stuttgart's track and field indoor meeting on Sunday. Lewis lost against his team-mate James Butcher who was 0.15 seconds faster than Lewis who clocked in 20.83 seconds. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Tasmanian pair thwart Victoria's win bid

LAUNCESTON, Tasmania, Feb 1. (Reuters): Tasmanian last pair Troy Cooley and Clive Young played out the final 32 deliveries of the match to thwart Victoria's win bid in their Sheffield Shield cricket match today.

The two tailenders saved Tasmania from what would have been their fifth defeat in six Shield matches this season, holding out at 144 for nine after being set a target of 256. 71 overs on the fourth and final day.

Young, making his first-class debut, survived a difficult chance to wicket-keeper Michael Dimitina off spinner Paul Jackson from the fifth ball of the third last over, and then played a maidan final over to force a draw.

Victoria, 122 ahead on first innings, were spurred by an unbeaten 71 in 106 balls from Dav Whatmore as they extended their overnight 27 for one to 135 without further loss before declaring.

### Standings

Queensland	7	5	1	1	30
Western Australia	7	4	2	1	26
South Australia	6	2	1	3	14
New South Wales	7	2	1	4	12
Victoria	7	1	5	1	12
Tasmania	6	0	2	4	0

## Flying Arrows beat Rangers

FLYING Arrows maintained their lead at the top of the table in the Burnd Trophy League, by registering a convincing win over Rangers, on Friday at the EPI grounds.

Captain Sajid Rizvi won the toss and elected to bat. Rangers scored 141 runs for the loss of six wickets in 27 overs, with Sajid scoring a well made 92 runs.

Flying Arrows bowled well with Derek Almeida (1 for 9) and Vijay Samuel (1 for 27), tormenting the Rangers batsmen with some accurate bowling. Five catches were dropped in Vijay's bowling, with Sajid getting the benefit of one.

Other wicket takers were Norbert D'Souza (2 for 34) and Benjamin Lobo (1 for 29). The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Mahmoud Bastaki, 16 and Pillay 16.

In reply Flying Arrows were given a good start with an opening stand of 47 when Mukesh Muriandhani, 21 was run-out. Verold Sirur who top scored with 55 runs, which included a six and 5 boundaries, stayed at the crease till Flying Arrows were within reach of the Rangers total.

Flying Arrows did have some anxious moments, when they lost 3 quick wickets, but Vijay Samuel, 12 not out, stemmed the rot and held one side together, whilst Verold Sirur and Francis Pereira, who scored a fiery 30, piled on the runs at the other end.

Francis was unlucky to be out when the score was tied at 141, with only a single run needed for victory.

Captain Alex Rego then completed the formalities with a leg-bye and Flying Arrows romped home winners in 22 overs.

## Diamond beat Social

DIAMOND Cricket Club beat Social Cricket Club by five wickets in a friendly match played at the Church ground on Friday.

Social CC batted first and scored 193 for the loss of 9 wickets in 25 overs. Sydney 30, Michel 31, Oberoi 30, and Glen 26 were the main scorers. Asghar and Tariq took two wickets each. Liqat, Ejaz Ajeeth captured one each.

Diamond needed 7.72 runs per over put up a good fight. Their openers Tariq and Ejaz put on 55 runs for the first wicket. Tariq scored 89, while Ejaz scored 29. Lancy 17 and Liqat 39 remained unbeaten as Diamond won with five wickets to spare. For Social, Oberoi, Anni, Jackson and Paul took one wicket each.

## Pakistani advises Gatting to take defeat gracefully

KARACHI, Feb 1. (Reuters): Pakistan's chief cricket selector, Haseeb Ahsan, advised England captain Mike Gatting yesterday to take defeat gracefully instead of blaming umpires.

"Comments on umpires leave a poor impression," he told Reuters when asked to comment on Gatting's latest outburst against Pakistani umpiring.

The Middlesex batsman, at the heart of a bitter umpiring dispute during England's unhappy tour of Pakistan last November and December, stirred the issue last Wednesday as his team prepared for the bicentennial Test in Sydney.

Gatting declared: "They've been cheating us for 37 years, and by I mean other teams as well as England."

Ahsan, who is also team manager and Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) chief technical delegate, was scornful.

## 110 MORE RUNS NEEDED TO MAKE ENGLAND BAT AGAIN

## Boon and Marsh put pride back into Australia

SYDNEY, Feb 1. (Reuters): David Boon and Geoff Marsh put a measure of pride back into Australian cricket with a century opening partnership after the home side were forced to follow on in the bicentennial Test against England today.

Australia, bowled out for 214 in their first innings before lunch, were 101 for no wicket at the close on the fourth day which was cut short by 90 minutes because of bad light.

### Draw

They need 110 more runs to make England bat again with a draw now the most likely result.

Australia resumed this morning under leaden skies and a barrage of media criticism after their inept first innings collapse to 164 for seven yesterday.

"A woeful show for a patient public" and "darkness descends on the so-called new era" headed articles bemoaning the lack of fire and skill in an Australian team which had been hailed as world-beaters just days earlier.

Peter Taylor and Peter Sleep, needing 62 to avoid the follow-on, set about repairing the damage to the team's reputation.

They took the score to 183 for seven before Taylor, facing off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, was caught behind for 20 from the faintest of edges.

### Plugged

Sleep plugged on resolutely, taking Australia past 200 before falling to a fine catch by Bill Athey at second slip off Neil Foster. Sleep hit 41, his team's second highest score.

Dilley finished with three for 54 and Hemmings three for 53. Off-spinner John Embrey, the workhorse of the English attack, bowled 30 overs for 57 runs but remained wicketless.

### Confidence

Marsh and Boon started slowly but grew in confidence as they saw off the new ball in the second innings.

Dilley had 21 runs knocked off his first five overs and in the 15th over England captain Mike Gatting turned to the spin attack which had caused such havoc in the first innings.

Boon, recently crowned the International Cricketer of the Year, began to loosen up as Hemmings and Embrey failed to make the breakthrough on a still turning pitch.

The opening pair raised the 50 partnership in 78 minutes and the

bulky Boon reached his personal half-century off 117 balls with a powerful drive to the fence off Hemmings.

Dilley, recalled to the attack, provided the runs which brought up Boon and Marsh's fourth century partnership in 29 innings for Australia.

This milestone was greeted with a bouncer from Dilley which Marsh only just avoided.

### Decided

The umpires, after conferring for the second time in a few minutes, decided it was too dark for that kind of bowling and took the players off 30 minutes into the final session.

The match celebrates 200 years of white settlement in Australia.

### Scoreboard

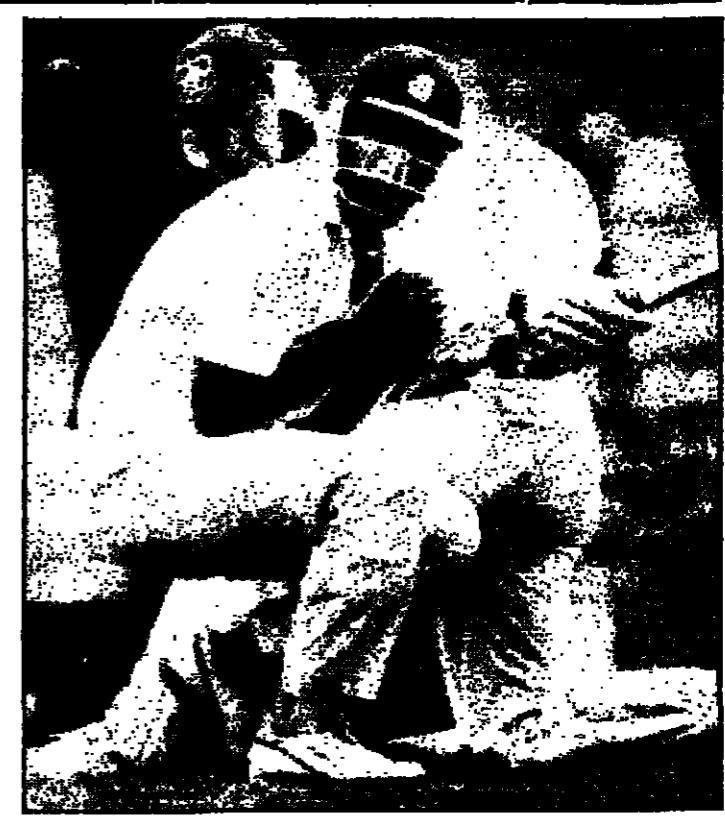
ENGLAND first innings 425  
AUSTRALIA first innings (164 for seven overnight)  
D Boon c French b Foster ..... 12  
G Marsh c French b Capel ..... 5  
D Jones c Embrey b Hemmings ..... 56

A Border c Broad b Capel ..... 2  
M Veletta c Embrey b Hemmings ..... 22  
S Wangh c French b Dilley ..... 27  
P Sleep c Athey b Foster ..... 41  
G Dyer b Bow b Dilley ..... 0  
P Taylor c French b Hemmings ..... 20  
A Dodemaide not out ..... 12  
C McDermott c Foster b Dilley ..... 1  
Extras (10 lb-5 w-1) ..... 16  
Total ..... 214

Wicketfall: 1-182-25-34-4-82-5-116-6-147-153-8-183-3-209.  
Bowling: Dilley 19.1-4-54-3 (Sub 1w), Foster 19.6-27-2, Embrey 30-10-57-6, Capel 6.3-13-2, Hemmings 22-3-53-3.

### AUSTRALIA second innings

G Marsh not out ..... 41  
D Boon not out ..... 54  
Extras (8-2 lb-2 ab-2) ..... 6  
Total (for six wicket) ..... 101  
To bat: Dean Jones, Allan Border, Mike Veletta, Steve Wangh, Greg Dyer, Peter Taylor, Peter Sleep, Tony Dodemaide, Craig McDermott.  
Bowling to date: Foster 7.2-14-8, Capel 6.2-11-8, Dilley 5.3-1-23-0 (2 lb), Hemmings 14.2-29-4, Embrey 11.2-29-0.



England's Bill Athey takes evasive action as Australia's Geoff Marsh sweeps a ball from Eddie Hemmings at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Rebel tour report untrue: Australians

SYDNEY, Feb 1. (Reuters): Reports in a London newspaper claiming another rebel cricket tour of South Africa was being organised were false and baseless, Australian cricketers said today.

Kim Hughes, the former Australian Test captain who led the most recent rebel tour of the racially segregated republic, said the story was "an absolute load of hogwash."

"I have no intention of returning to South Africa," he added.

Former Test all-rounder Greg Matthews, whose name was also mentioned in the report, said: "I haven't been approached nor have I had any offers. As far as I'm concerned I see my future as being with New South Wales and, hopefully, Australia."

Steve Rixon, former Australian wicket-keeper and vice-captain to Hughes on the 1985/6 and 1986/7 rebel tours, said he knew nothing about any offer.

The Mail yesterday claimed players from Australia, New Zealand, England and the West Indies had been invited to take part in a tournament marking the centenary of the Transvaal Cricket Union.

Australian Cricket Board chairman Malcolm Gray said the timing of the story seemed suspicious and the bicentennial Test was probably being used as a vehicle to give emphasis to the

report.

Gray said he wanted to remind any Australian player who accepted offers to play in South Africa that they would face a 10-year ban from first class cricket.

In Johannesburg, South African cricket authorities also denied the reports.

"There is no truth whatever in this report, and I categorically deny that a tour is being planned," Joe Pamensky, president of the South African Cricket Union, told reporters.

Pamensky said the tour rumours were part of an orchestrated campaign to further isolate South Africa from world cricket.

In New Zealand, Richard Hadlee and Martin Crowe denied yesterday that they had been approached to spearhead a rebel team to tour South Africa.

Both Test players ridiculed the report in the Mail yesterday which claimed that former New Zealand captain John Reid tried to recruit them for an international cricket extravaganza in South Africa.

The report said Crowe had been approached but turned down the offer, but indicated Hadlee was a likely member and that Jeremy Coney, Stephen Bock, Bruce Edgar and Lance Cairns had been persuaded to take part.

## Walkinshaw's Jaguar wins Daytona 24-hours race

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 1. (AP): The Jaguar XJR-9 prototype driven by Raul Boesel of Brazil, John Nielsen of Denmark and Britain's Martin Brundle won the Daytona 24-hours yesterday.

The victory ended the Porsche's 11-year domination of the race.

The XJR-9 prototype was one of three entered in the race by Scotsman Tom Walkinshaw, whose team conquered European sports car racing in 1987. The car held off a late challenge from the Porsche 962 prototype of pole-winner Mauro Baldi of Italy and two-time Daytona winners Brian Redman of England and Bob Wollek of France.

The German-built Porsche had won seven straight Daytona 24-hour races and cars powered by Porsche engines had won 11 in a row in America's premier sports car endurance event and the season-opener in the IMSA Camel GT series.

But the British-made Jaguars placed first and third in their first American appearance.

Nielsen, who lives in West Germany, was at the wheel of the winning car when it took the checkered flag after 728 laps, covering 4,146.7 km (2,591.7 miles) on the 5.6 km (3.56-mile) Daytona international speedway roadcourse.

The winners averaged 172.6 kmph (107.9 mph), pulling in the final hour in beating the

second-place car by nearly two laps. "I think that I should be tired when I finish," Nielsen said. "We had a lot of problems, but we had them early, and had time to come back."

### Routine

The second-place Porsche led as late as lap 654, about 2.5 hours from the end of the race. But, when Wollek made a routine pit stop, the Jaguar went ahead.

Redman was only 13 seconds from being lapped by the leader when an accident in turn one brought out the 10th and final full-course caution flag of the grueling twice-around-the-clock event.

That bunched up the remain-

ing cars and, after pit stops and driver changes by both leaders, Baldi was trying to hustle the car around the track under the yellow flag in hopes of getting in position to catch the Jaguar when the green flag came back out.

That's when disaster struck for the Porsche team. Baldi slid off the track into the infield, badly damaging the front bodywork on the car.

That forced an extra pit stop and virtually ended any chance of another Porsche victory.

The Porsche 962 defending champions Al Holbert, Chip Robinson and Englishman Derek Bell also made a strong effort, leading numerous times during the first 18 hours. But after losing 23 minutes and seven

## One killed in steel grate collapse during ceremony

REDONDO BEACH, California, Feb 1. (AP): A steel grate atop a parking structure collapsed yesterday during an awards ceremony for a 10-km (6.2-mile) race, killing one person and injuring nine others, authorities said.

The parking structure is near the city pier, which sustained extensive damage from surf in recent storms. But Velasquez said the parking structure had not been damaged in the storms.

## Green gets cheapest seat

SAN DIEGO, Feb 1. (AP): Walter Green had one of the cheapest seats in the house, and because the Washington Redskins pulled through he'll also have clean clothes and a sparkling car for a year.

Green, 56, a resident of Indiana, bought his seat in Plaza level of the end zone for \$20 several minutes before kickoff of Super Bowl XXI.

"I yelled out 'I need a free ticket.' I was joking but this woman said her old man had gotten drunk and gave me his ticket for 20 bucks," Green said, still amazed at his good fortune after yesterday's game.

Other Seatics fans bought tickets from scalpers yesterday for three to four times their \$100 face value.

In addition, the Redskins routed the Denver Broncos 42-10, making Green victorious in a bet with his children.

Rodriguez wasted little time in collecting the \$80,000 when Palmer, player and Snead all failed to match Rodriguez's birdie four on the par-five, 10th. After the 11th hole was halved with par, player finally broke through with a birdie three on the 12th hole, his lone skin of the tournament, to win \$40,000.

Rodriguez, who won a total of six skins over the two-day, 18-hole competition, defeated Arnold Palmer, worth \$20,000. Sneed failed to win any skins.

The senior skins game, a spin-off of the regular skins game which started in 1983, featured a format where prize money was offered on every hole, but only to a player who won the hole outright. If two tied, all tied, and the prize money was carried over to the next hole.

The last three holes were all halved, forcing a sudden death play-off between all four players.

## SPORTS

DENVER LOSES LOPSIDED SUPER BOWL GAME

## Williams leads Redskins to victory over Broncos

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb 1. (UPI): Doug Williams overcame a poor start, a leg injury and a sore jaw yesterday to initiate one of the most electrifying quarters in pro football history and rally the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.

Williams threw four touchdown passes to lead a dizzying 35-point outburst in the second quarter and bring the Redskins back from a 10-0 deficit to gain their second NFL Championship of the decade.

The 32-year-old quarterback broke Super Bowl records for most touchdown passes and passing yardage in a single quarter to conclude a remarkable season that began in hard luck and obscurity.

Williams, whose career has been marked by repeated setbacks and personal tragedy, started the season as a marginal backup who had lost his job when the USFL folded. And, even at the outset of yesterday's game Williams appeared headed for defeat.



Washington's Doug Williams prepares to pass during third quarter action. (Reuter wirephoto)

Recovering from the effects of root canal work on an abscessed tooth on Saturday night, Williams endured an ineffectual first quarter. Shortly before the second quarter, he suffered a hyperextended knee that sent him briefly to the sidelines.

**Reverse**  
But on his first play back in the game, he hit Ricky Sanders with an 80-yard touchdown pass and the Redskins proceeded to reverse the tide of the contest at a speed never before seen in a Super Bowl.

**Spotlight**  
Sanders scored twice, as did rookie running back Tim Smith, who made the first start of his career and gained a Super Bowl record 204 yards on 22 carries. The Redskins also set Super Bowl records for touchdowns (6) and points in a quarter (35), continuing the event's tradition of providing immense buildup and one-sided games.

Williams threw for more yardage than any Super Bowl quarterback, needing only 18 plays in the second period to lead his team on five touchdown drives,

gaining 357 yards. His four touchdown passes matched Terry Bradshaw's Super Bowl record. Only three teams in the 68-year history of pro football have scored more points in one quarter.

Williams faced a pressure-cooker of attention the past week as he answered myriad questions about his role as the first black to start a Super Bowl and the hardships he faced over his wife's death from cancer in 1983.

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John Elway, against whom Williams was compared and found lacking all week, had one of his worst professional games. He completed only 14 of 38 passes for 257 yards and threw three interceptions.

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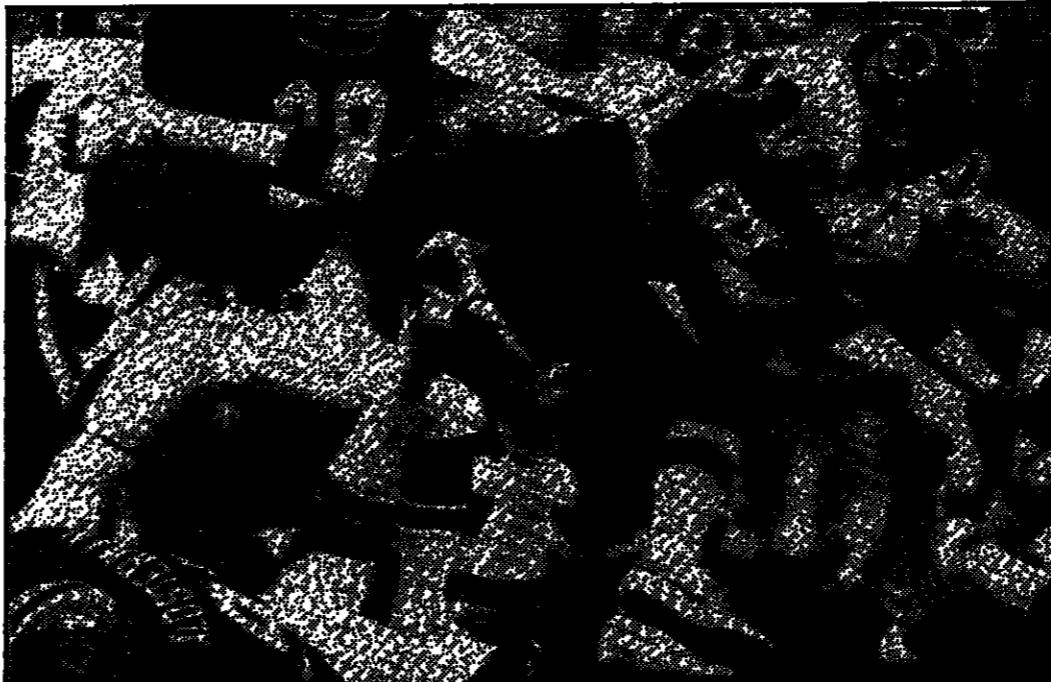
**Supreme**  
The triumph made Washington supreme in strike-plagued seasons. They last won in 1983, a season which, like this one, was interrupted by players' strike. The loss left the Broncos one of only two teams to lose two years straight in the NFL's showcase contest. Denver lost last year to the New York Giants and 10 years ago to the Dallas Cowboys.

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Redskins' Ricky Sanders is tripped up in first quarter. He fumbled but Washington recovered. Sanders went wild in the second quarter as Washington pulled ahead in Sunday's Super Bowl in San Diego. (Reuter wirephoto)

But for a brief period yesterday it appeared the Broncos would bring their first NFL title to the Rocky Mountains. Elway threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Nattiel on the Broncos' first play — the quickest Super Bowl touchdown — and Rich Karlis added a 24-yard fielded goal on Denver's next possession.

Clark dropped two passes. Sanders dropped one and Kelvin Bryant booted another. In addition, Washington punter Steve Cox repeatedly helped Denver's field position.

But when the Redskins did begin to score, they scored easily. They had seven plays of 16 yards or more in the second period while the Broncos' defense was falling in a tide of panic.

The most yards gained in a single game against Denver all season had been the 449 mustered by Cleveland in the AFC title game. The Redskins came within 15 yards of matching that total in the first half alone.

After the 80-yard scoring pass to Sanders, the Redskins regained the ball at their own 36-yard line.

They needed only five plays to reach the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown. Williams threw a 9-yard pass to Warren

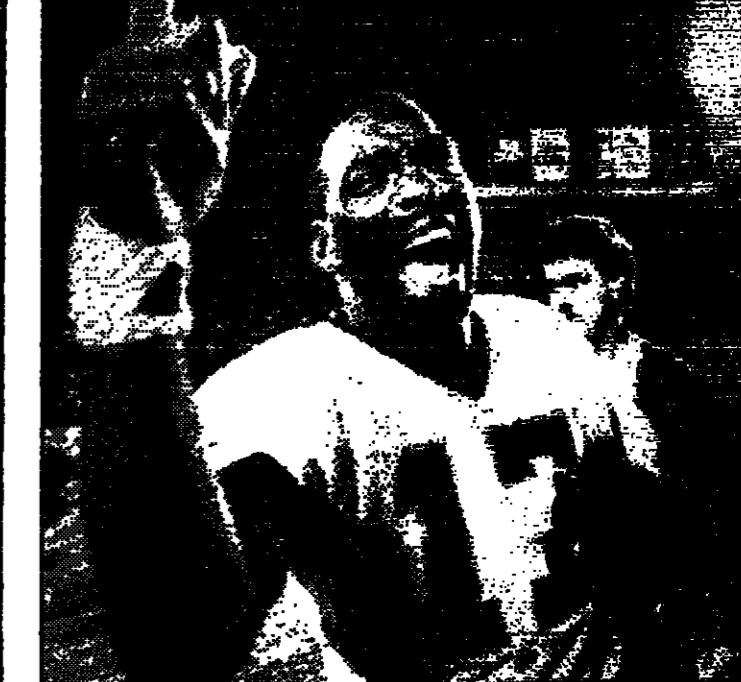
and a 19-yard pass to Smith before hitting Clark with 27-yard scoring pass.

The Redskins needed just two plays to go 74 yards the next time they had the ball. A 16-yard throw to Clark preceded Smith's 58-yard scoring run — a play in which Didier collapsed the inside of the Denver defensive line with a thundering block.

**Drive**

Next came a 60-yard drive in three plays. The touchdown pass went 49 yards to Sanders, who went in motion from left to right across the backfield. When the ball was snapped, Sanders sprinted upfield and was open from the second he crossed the line of scrimmage.

Finally, the Redskins drove 79 yards in seven plays with big advance of 43-yard run by Smith. Williams' 8-yard touchdown throw to Didier ended the amazing display.



Washington Redskins quarterback Williams walks off with the ball after he led the Redskins to victory. (Reuter wirephoto)



Broncos quarterback John Elway (No. 7) rests

## Redskins fans turn Washington into carnival town

WASHINGTON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Thousands of Washington Redskins fans jammed streets and blared car horns as the normally sedate city marked its football team's victory in Super Bowl XXII yesterday with carnival-style fervour.

Beer-swilling supporters with faces painted magenta and gold, the Redskins' colours, hung from street light fixtures and whooped their delight outside bars on last night and early today in the Georgetown district where many foreign embassies are located.

## Starch out

In Denver, however, five quick second quarter touchdowns by Washington on the way to a 42-10 victory took the starch out of Bronco fans watching the game in their favourite bars.

Denver fans were hooting and hollering, pounding bar tops and slapping back when the Broncos stepped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

Fans first groaned and cursed when the Redskins came back to score two touchdowns. Fans then sat in stunned silence as



Washington DC policemen use their clubs as they attempt to hold back Washington Redskins fans who poured into the streets shortly after Redskins' victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

White House, dining with friends on chili and hot dogs.

For two weeks, Super Bowl

fever had put a spell over Washington. By comparison, the public reaction to events such as

the December visit of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was one of mere passing curiosity.

## Johnson says 60 metres bid is guide for 100 metres

MADRID, Feb 1. (Reuter): Canadian Ben Johnson is to use an attempt to break his 60 metres world record at an indoor athletics meeting in Madrid as a guide to whether he can beat his 100 metres outdoor mark later.

He said today he was in better shape than last year, but was still tired after the journey from Toronto via Frankfurt at the weekend and needed to rest before he tried to cut his 60 metres time from 6.41 seconds.

"I always compare indoor times to outdoors. If I run 6.38 seconds (on Tuesday), it could be 9.78 (for the 100 meters)," he told reporters.

He said he did not think anyone at the moment could beat his 100 metres record.

"It's hard to say how long it will last because the human body is changing all the time," but added that if he set another record this year "it'll be hard (to beat) for a long, long time."

## Seminar on sports journalism opens

THE chairman of the Asian Olympics Council (AOC) Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad yesterday opened a week-long seminar on sports journalism organised by Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) in cooperation with the Asian Federation of Sports Journalists (AFSJ).

Addressing the inaugural session, KJA chairman Ahmad Behbahani said the seminar is aimed at developing the efficiency of sports editors and reporters in radio, TV, newspapers and magazines.

AFSJ chairman Abdelmohsen Al Hoseini, said the best practical technique to upgrade technical and professional level of the sports editors and reporters is through holding seminars and training courses.

He added that seminars should focus on the significance of world sports reporting and getting acquainted with its techniques.

Al Hoseini finally paid tribute to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for its continuous help to AFSJ. The ministry has recently increased its annual financial aid to KD30,000.

Sheikh Fahd stressed the role of sports reporting in recording world sports events and accomplishments.

He said sports editors are responsible for recording such events frankly by committing themselves to constructive criticism.

## Celtic beat Philadelphia

BOSTON, Feb 1. (AP): Larry Bird scored 29 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, leading the Boston Celtics to a 100-85 victory over Philadelphia yesterday.

The 76ers hit a National Basketball Association season low with 29 points in the first half.

With Philadelphia's high-scoring Charles Barkley sidelined with a twisted ankle, the Celtics rolled to their 65th consecutive regular season victory over an Eastern Conference rival.

Kevin McHale scored 26 points and Danny Ainge 16, helping the Celtics stretch their Atlantic division lead to 11 games over the 76ers.

Boston took a 74-53 lead into the final period.

The 76ers were led by Maurice Cheeks with 17 points and Mike Gminski with 16. Gerald Henderson had 12, all in the fourth period.

## Soccer draw sets up possible clash of Liverpool with Everton

LONDON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Favourites Liverpool are in line to meet neighbours and League champions Everton in the fifth round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup.

In an appetising draw made today the runaway League leaders must travel to the winners of the fourth round tie between Everton and Second Division Middlesbrough.

Although Middlesbrough are at home in Wednesday's replay, the odds are still on doughy Cup-fighters Everton reaching the next round.

**Only side**  
Everton are the only side this season to beat Liverpool. That was in a third round League Cup tie in October but since then Liverpool are unbeaten in all competition and they would welcome the chance of Cup revenge over their old foes.

Liverpool's highly efficient 2-0 fourth round success at Aston Villa yesterday sent more shudders through the ranks.

The other glamour tie, which is sure to be a sell-out, is at Arsenal where Manchester United are the visitors.

Last season, he guided Ajax to their first European triumph in 14 years when they won the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Barcelona, one of the world's riches clubs, are currently floundering in mid-table in the Spanish first division, 15 points behind Real Madrid.

## Benfica battle to draw with Porto

LISBON, Feb 1. (Reuter): Benfica kept their fading title hopes alive yesterday when they battled to a 1-1 draw against unbeaten Portuguese league leaders Porto in front of 120,000 fans in the vast Stadium of Light.

The home supporters had little to cheer about in the first half of a pulsating match as Porto showed their European cup-winning form, repeatedly stretching the home defence with lightning counterattacks.

The visitors took the lead in the 20th minute when Jaime Magalhaes, allowed a lingering glance at goal, lashed the ball high into the net from more than 30 metres.

A win would have opened up a nine-point gap between Porto and the title-holders and few would have bet against such an outcome when the players trooped off at half-time.

But Benfica emerged transformed, drawing level only three minutes into the second half with a magnificent goal from Diamantino. He rammed the ball home after Antonio Pacheco had left the Porto defence flat-footed with a run from the left.

Hans Gillhaus joined Koeman, who is signing a new four-year contract with PSV after turning down overtures from Barcelona, in scoring twice. Gerald Vanenburg, Anton Janssen, Soren Lerby, Eric Viscal and Eric Gerets collected one each.

Roared on by the capacity crowd, Benfica dominated the rest of the match and Swedish

striker Mats Magnusson was specially unlucky as shots peppered the Porto goal.

The draw leaves Porto on 34 points, seven ahead of Benfica and virtually out of sight of everyone else with half the championship played.

**Continued**  
Sporting's dismal season continued with a shock 4-0 defeat at Penafiel, again raising doubts about the future of English manager Keith Burkinshaw. The Lisbon side have slumped to eighth position.

● In Amsterdam, Dutch soccer champions PSV Eindhoven, their 19-game record marred only by one draw this season, gave another highly confident display by trouncing FC Den Haag 9-1 in the first division yesterday.

Dutch international Ronald Koeman opened the scoring spree through a penalty and later added a second as PSV opened a 6-0 half-time lead against lowly-placed Den Haag.

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## Nehru Cup soccer tourney

NEW DELHI, Feb 1. (Xinhua): Poland defeated Bulgaria 2-0 in the seventh Nehru International Gold Cup football tournament in Siliguri of West Bengal state this evening.

Both goals came in the first half.

Following are the team standings after yesterday's matches (tabulated under matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against and points):

Soviet Union	4	4	0	6	1	8
Bulgaria	5	3	0	2	8	6
Poland	4	2	1	1	3	5
Hungary	4	1	1	2	6	3
China	5	1	1	3	6	3
India	4	0	1	3	2	1